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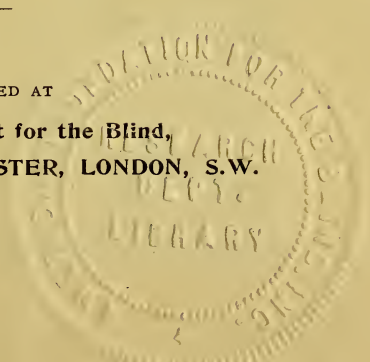
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INTRODUCTION.



NOWING how useful this pamphlet has been to many seeking information concerning what is being done in the interests of the Blind, and the best means of helping them, I have pleasure in writing this introduction to the SIXTH EDITION of Mr. Henry J. Wilson's pamphlet.

The particulars regarding the various Societies have been carefully prepared, any necessary corrections have been made, and new Societies added.

In the Preface much valuable information is given with reference to the Education of the Blind, and the selection of suitable occupations, whilst the page devoted to the proper care of the eyes of infants should really be of immense service to the children.

I think everyone interested in the welfare of the Blind should obtain a copy of the pamphlet.

KINNAIRD,

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Gardner's Trust for the Blind.*

June, 1915.



PREFACE TO SIXTH EDITION.

(Completing 14,000 Copies).

THE number of "totally" blind persons enumerated in England and Wales at the census of 1911 was 26,366, in Scotland 3,317, and in Ireland 4,312. So far as statistics can be relied upon, it is pleasing to note that, although the total number of blind persons has increased, owing to the growth of population, the proportion of the blind to the sighted has decreased. In 1851 the proportion of blind persons to the population, in England and Wales, was one to every 979, and in 1911, one to every 1,370, each intervening decade showing a steady diminution. The statistics, however, from the census of 1911 cannot be relied on for the purpose of comparison, as returns were asked for only those who were "totally blind."

The Blind may roughly be divided into four classes, viz. :—

1. INFANTS.—In Blindness, as in everything else, prevention is better than cure, and inasmuch as a large proportion of the cases of blindness is caused by the neglect and unsuitable treatment of ophthalmia of new-born infants, which can be

prevented and nearly always cured, much can be done in disseminating information about this disease by systematic distribution of leaflets (*vide* page 15), and in other ways.

The action taken by the Local Government Board in issuing an Order making ophthalmia of the newly-born compulsorily notifiable from April 1st, 1914, must have a most beneficial effect in lessening the number of those who become blind from this terrible disease.

2. FROM FOUR OR FIVE UP TO TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE.—This is essentially the period for education and instruction. Blind children should be treated, as far as possible, like sighted ones. They should be conversed with frequently, especially about the common objects which surround us in everyday life, in order that they may not grow up in crass ignorance of what our eyes are ever conveying to our minds, and the Blind can only understand by the touch, or through the ear. They should be taught to dress, undress, and wash themselves, and make themselves generally useful, and should not be cooped up indoors, but allowed to have plenty of fresh air, light, exercise and play. They should always be treated with firmness and kindness, but at the same time they must not be allowed to imagine that they are, and always must be, objects of pity, and burdens on Society. They should be fully impressed with the knowledge that they have a work to perform in the world, and that they must therefore submit, equally with sighted children, to the discipline and training necessary to fit them for their duties in life. And here I wish to impress on parents the absolute necessity of sending their children to some school at the earliest possible age. It is a mistaken and cruel kindness to keep them at home—irrespective of the legal obligation to send them to school—without their being taught how to be blind, because in such cases their mental powers are invariably weakened, and sometimes the children become imbeciles and defective both in body and mind. Booklets with Braille (revised) rules, Grade I., price 1d., Grade II., price 2d., and Grade III., price 3d.—by post $\frac{1}{2}$ d. extra—can be obtained at the National Institute for the Blind, 224-228, Great Portland Street, London, W., and

will be found useful to sighted people who are ignorant of the Braille system, and wish to teach it to those who are unable to attend a school. Frames, embossing paper, &c., can be obtained from the Institute and from most of the Institutions for the Blind.

A rough outline of the School curriculum is as follows: From 4 or 5 years of age to 10, kindergarten training; from 10 to 14, elementary education and technical training; from 14 to 16, half-time elementary education and half-time training in trades or professions; and from 16 to close of school career, trades and professions.

The Royal Commission on the Blind, Deaf and Dumb, &c., after sitting for four years, issued their Report in 1889, and out of it sprang the Elementary Education (Blind and Deaf Children) Act, 1893, which makes the education of all blind children between 5 and 16 years of age compulsory.

All the elementary schools for the Blind are certified under section 2 of the Act, and are marked in the list on pages 16 to 25) by an asterisk.

Previous to this Act, the power of the Guardians to educate the Blind under 16, although largely exercised, was *permissive* only, whereas now the power of the Local School Authorities is *compulsory*, that is to say, the Authorities are bound to enforce the Act, and parents must cause their children to receive education.

Under the Act the expression "blind" is defined as "too blind to be able to read the ordinary school books used by children."

The School Authorities are responsible for the provision of suitable elementary education for all blind children up to 16 years of age in their districts, and full powers are given them for providing it, but the parents of the blind children are liable to contribute towards the expenses of the child such weekly sum, if any, as may be agreed on between the School Authority and the parent.

The only exceptions are the cases of idiot and imbecile children, and pauper children resident in the workhouse, or boarded out. These are still left to be dealt with by the Guardians.

By the Education Act, 1902, the Local Education Authorities took over the powers, duties, and liabilities of the "School Authorities," under the Act of 1893. The Local Education Authorities for this purpose are the Council of every County and of every County Borough, the Council of a Borough with a population of over 10,000, or of an urban district with a population of over 20,000. The population, for the purposes of the Act, is calculated according to the census of 1901.

A list of residential Schools for the Blind is given on page 16. The following may be considered as general rules affecting all pupils seeking admission at any School for the Blind. They must be blind, either totally or for all practical purposes, not deficient in intellect or physical power, of good health, not subject to fits, not suffering from any cutaneous disease or other disorder likely to be prejudicial to their fellow-scholars, and must either have been vaccinated, or have had the small-pox.

Four Scholarships of the value of £60 a year each, tenable at any of the Universities, are granted by the Committee of Gardner's Trust for the Blind. There is also "The Fawcett Memorial Scholarship," value £50 a year, tenable by blind persons for four years at any of the Universities of the United Kingdom, including Women's Colleges. The Trustees of this scholarship are the Clothworkers' Company, 41, Mincing Lane, London, E.C. Scholars must be not less than 17 nor more than 23 years of age at the time of election. The George Barker Memorial Scholarship, value £50 a year, and tenable for four years at Queen's College, Oxford, is granted to blind persons who intend to study for the Final Honour School of English Language and Literature or for Honours in *Litt. Hum.*

It is clear that only in a very few exceptional cases can the Blind become self-supporting at the age of 16, and therefore on attaining that age their education should be continued,

and they should be sent to a Technical Training School for the Blind, or remain in their present school, to be specially trained in some trade. The Guardians of the Poor have power to contribute towards the maintenance of a blind person above 16 years of age, whilst a trade is being learnt at an Institution for the Blind, (*vide* 25 and 26 Vict. (1862) Cap. 43, Sec. 1, 9, 10; 31 and 32 Vict. (1868) Cap. 122, sec. 42; 42 and 43 Vict. (1879), Cap. 54, sec. 10; and 45 and 46 Vict. (1882), Cap. 58, Sec. 13). There are five sources from which the school fees for pupils on attaining the age of 16 years may be met, viz.:—(1) Local Education Authorities, who for this purpose are County Councils and County Borough Councils only, under the Education Act (1902), Part ii; (2) Boards of Guardians; (3) Private payments, *i.e.*, by the parents or the guardians of the pupils; (4) Gardner's Trust; and (5) Private Charity.

Under the Technical Regulations the Board of Education make capitation grants for children over 16 years of age.

At this point I would earnestly entreat pupils not to be in too great a hurry to leave school. There is a natural and praiseworthy (though mistaken) desire in many to start in life on their own responsibility as early as they can, but if they do this before they have sufficiently mastered all the difficulties of their trade or profession, the result is often most disastrous, and the cause of the Blind must be seriously injured thereby. It is my opinion that many of the failures amongst the Blind in attempting to carry on the trade which they have learnt at school, are due to the fact that they have not received sufficient instruction. Many persons seem to be impressed with the erroneous idea, that blind people need a shorter apprenticeship at their trades than the sighted.

3. FROM TWENTY-ONE TO FORTY YEARS OF AGE. Those between these ages who have been properly instructed at school ought to use every endeavour to earn their own living by the trade or profession which they have learnt. The occupations usually taught to Males are typewriting and shorthand, the making of baskets, brushes, mats, sacks, rope, ship fendoffs, mattresses, and also pianoforte tuning, chair caning, boot and shoe repair-

- G. A Mat-maker's *frame*, tools, &c., about £4.
- H. A Mat-maker's *loom*, tools and materials, about £10.
- I. A Mat-maker's appliances and materials, for making Sinnet mats, about £4.
- J. A Pianoforte Tuner's tools, about £4 5s.
- K. A Wood-chopper's tools, wood, &c., about £2 12s. 6d. and barrow about £3.

The foregoing amounts, carefully laid out, ought to be sufficient to give a good start to blind persons in the trades they have learnt.

4. FROM FORTY YEARS OF AGE UPWARDS.—Those who become blind after forty years of age, with few exceptions, are unable to learn any of the trades usually taught to the Blind, with much hope of success or remuneration, unless mat making, mattress making, and the making of ship fendoffs be excepted. They should, therefore, as I have stated above, try to carry on, if possible, the trade in which they were engaged when their sight failed them. If this be found impracticable, the sale of newspapers or of tea, cocoa, polish, etc., might be tried, or wood chopping or sack-making, which are easy to learn. Mangling also is sometimes a fairly well paid employment, but ought not to be entered upon without fully considering the capabilities of the wife, and the likelihood of ultimate success. Failure often ensues unless, preparatory to starting, a certain amount of patronage is guaranteed. In many parts of London this way of gaining a livelihood for blind men is greatly overdone. Both men and women can sometimes earn a little by writing out books in the Braille type for libraries. Singing, and the playing of musical instruments in the streets and in public houses, should be strongly discouraged.

At this period of life, blind persons naturally try to obtain a pension from one of the Pension Societies for the Blind (*vide* page 38). There is, however, a comparatively small amount of money given away to those under 50 years of age, and the difficulty of obtaining a pension for a person under that age is in consequence proportionately greater. Further details concerning Pension Societies are given in Mr. Stuart's Johnson's most serviceable

book, "Annuities to the Blind," price 3s. 6d. net. Publishers, Messrs. Longmans.

There are also Homes for Blind Men and Women (*vide* page 34), where refuge can be found for those who are without relations or friends.

Every effort should be made to prevent the Blind from becoming beggars of "Remember the poor blind man" class, and this admonition is all the more urgent, because this manner of living is, alas, often most profitable in consequence of indiscriminate charity. Such charity is not only highly demoralizing to the Blind themselves and their relations, but also impedes the work which is in progress for the amelioration of the condition of the Blind.

In conclusion, I may add that it is extremely difficult to give any recommendation as to what is best to be done with the sick, weakly, and otherwise "defective" Blind, who are ineligible for admission to the Schools for the Blind. Each case must be dealt with according to its own degree of incapacity, but every effort should be made to teach the child or adult to read and write, and do some work, however simple, so that the mind may be occupied, and that there may be no enforced idleness, as detrimental morally as physically. It is to be hoped that action may soon be taken on the recommendation in the report of the Royal Commission on the Care and Control of the Feeble-minded, and that a central School and Home will be erected, where the feeble-minded Blind may be segregated, cared for, and given such suitable employment, as they can undertake.

In this pamphlet, the names of the Institutions and Societies for the Blind in England and Wales are given, and a list of Institutions and Societies in Scotland and Ireland is added in an Appendix.

The particulars having been submitted to the various Secretaries for revision, are presumably correct, and I have again to tender them my sincere thanks for their kind and willing co-operation in providing me with the information required, which brings facts and figures down to date.

I am also grateful to the Charity Commission for information kindly given me in respect to some of the Charities.

It is hoped that these pages, written with the object of supplying an evident want of condensed information about the Blind, and the Institutions and Charities connected with their instruction, employment, and relief, may be of some service to those who are anxious to counsel, or to obtain relief for the Blind.

It will afford me pleasure to give to enquirers all the assistance in my power, and any additional information which is available.

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Prevention of Blindness in Infancy.

One of the most frequent causes of blindness "is the inflammation of the eyes of new-born infants, which can be prevented, and, if taken in time, cured. . . . about 7,000 persons in the United Kingdom have lost their sight from that cause."—*Extract from the Report of the Royal Commission on the Blind, the Deaf and Dumb, &c.* It has been found that over 30 per cent. of the inmates of the Schools for the Blind are blinded by the neglect and unsuitable treatment of this disease.

The following precaution is, therefore, most essential:—

Immediately after the birth of a baby, and before anything else is done, wipe the eyelids and all parts surrounding the eyes with a soft dry linen rag; soon afterwards wash these parts with tepid water before any other part is touched.

When the disease appears it is easily and at once recognised by the redness, swelling, and heat of the eyelids, and by the discharge of yellowish white matter from the eye. **Immediately** on the appearance of these signs, even though the discharge is very slight in amount, **seek the advice of a medical man**; but in the meantime proceed at once to keep the eyes as clean as possible by very frequently cleansing away the discharge. **It is the discharge which does the mischief.**

The cleansing of the eye is best done in this way:—

- 1.—Separate the eyelids with the finger and thumb, and wash out the matter by allowing a gentle stream of luke-warm water to run between them from a piece of rag or cotton wool held two or three inches above the eyes.
- 2.—Then move the eyelids up and down and from side to side in a gentle, rubbing way, to bring out the matter from below them; then wipe it or wash it off in the same manner. The cleansing will take three or four minutes and it is to be repeated regularly **every half hour** at first, and later, if there is less discharge, every hour.
- 3.—**The saving of the sight depends entirely on the greatest care and attention to cleanliness.** Small pieces of clean rag are better than a sponge, as each rag is to be used once only, and then burnt immediately; sponges should never be used except they are burnt after each washing.
- 4.—A little vaseline or lanoline should be smeared along the edges of the eyelids occasionally, to prevent them from sticking.
- 5.—Be very careful not to use for other children, or for yourself, any towel or linen that has been used for the baby, as this eye disease is highly infectious.

SPECIAL WARNING.

As many mistaken practices are often resorted to in these cases, such as the application of poultices, tea-leaves, or sugar of lead lotions, and medical advice postponed or neglected, such applications by themselves are strongly to be condemned as not in accordance with the proper methods of treatment.

NOTE.—By a general Order issued by the Local Government Board on 6th February, 1914, this disease (Ophthalmia Neonatorum), which causes the inflammation of the eyes of new-born infants, was made compulsorily notifiable in every sanitary district in England and Wales from 1st April, 1914

Residential Schools for the Blind

(The correct titles of the Schools are not given, but the names of the towns

NOTES.—(a) The Schools marked with an asterisk are certified by the Board of Educa-

(b) Instruction is also given at various schools in London (*v. page 24*).

(c) The list of Day Schools for the Blind under the local education authorities

(d) On page 26 is given a list of Workshops for the Blind, at most of which

Name of Town in which the School is located.	Address of School.	When Founded	Age of Admission of Pupils.	Fee for Pupils.
1 *BIRMINGHAM ... *Royal Institution for the Blind.	Carpenter Road, Edgbaston ...	1846	Resident or Day Pupils from 10 to 21.	£30 a year for maintenance, education and clothing. Day Pupils £10 10s. a year ...
„ *Kindergarten School in connection with the above	Harborne ...	1905	4 to 12	£26 5s.
2 *BOLTON : Thomasson Memorial School.	Devonshire Road ...	1909	5	Nil: Children are all sent by Education Authorities.
3 BRADFORD ...	Odsal House, Low-Moor ...	1915	Both sexes from 5 ...	Decided by the Bradford Education Authority ...
4 *BRIGHTON ...	Eastern Road ...	1842	Only Boys from 6 to 16.	£27 a year for school fees and clothing, under 14 years of age; £30 over that age.
5 „ *Barclay Home and School for Blind and Partially Blind Girls.	Wellington Road ...	1893	Only Girls from 5	For board, training, education and clothing, per annum: Children under 16, £30; Adults, £26 5s.
6 *BRISTOL ...	Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol.	1793	Both sexes from 5 ...	£30 a year for maintenance and clothing...
7 DEVONPORT ...	St. Aubyn Street ...	1860	Both sexes from 16 to 35 ...	7s. 6d. per week ...
8 *EXETER ...	St. David's Hill ...	1838	Both sexes from 6 ..	£24 a year ...

in England and Wales.

in which the Schools are severally located, are arranged alphabetically).

tion under Section 2 of the Elementary Education (Blind and Deaf Children) Act, 1893.

is given on page 24.

pupils—chiefly adults—are received for instruction in some trade or handicraft.

Professions and Trades Taught.	Maximum number of Pupils that the School can accommodate.	Number of Resident Pupils in the School in March, 1915.	GENERAL INFORMATION.
Music (Theoretical, Instrumental and Vocal) Pianoforte Tuning and Repairing, Shorthand and Typewriting, Basket, Brush and Mat Making, Chair Seating, Machine and Hand Knitting, Boot Making and Mending, Telephony and Clog Making.	110 (and 50 day scholars).	110 (also 54 day pupils).	These Schools, certified for 86 boys and 70 girls under the Act, 1893, form part of The Birmingham Royal Institution for the Blind, which consists of a Main School and Workshops at Edgbaston, Branch Workshops at Harborne, a Kindergarten Branch at Harborne, and Retail Shop and Typewriting Department in the centre of the City. The Institution has also a large Home Teaching Branch consisting of 460 blind members visited by two blind visitors. It possesses scholarships for the purpose of completing the education of pupils over 16 years of age, for whom no other provision can be made. The Richard Middlemore Trust, founded in connection with this Institution, provides outfit of tools, materials, musical instruments, etc., for starting pupils in life on their leaving the Institution.
Hand and Machine Knitting, Chair Seating, Cane Weaving, Bag Making, Shoe Mending, etc.	48 (20 boarders and 28 day scholars).	14	Day Scholars in the Borough are admitted free; if from outside the Borough the payment is £13 per annum.
	60 (40 resident and 20 day scholars)	55	This School provides free residential training for Bradford children.
Piano Tuning, Basket Making, Chair Caning, Typewriting, Rug Making, etc.	48	43	This School is for Boys only, and is certified for 48 Boys under the Act, 1893.
Weaving, Machine Knitting, Basket-work, Chair Caning.	94	94	Girls are educated and receive instruction in Laundry and Housework. The School is certified for 45 Girls under 16 years of age under the Act, 1893. The primary object is for training Girls over 16. (See Barclay Workshops, page 28).
Music, Basket Making, Machine and Hand Knitting, Weaving.	117	98	The School is certified for 117 children under the Act, 1893.
Basket Making and Repairing, Kneelers, Chair Caning and Knitting.	27	15	One day pupil admitted at 1s. per week.
Music, Typewriting, Basket-work, Mat Making, Knitting, Boot Repairing.	88	84	Non-resident pupils occasionally admitted on terms according to circumstances. The School is certified for 88 children under the Act, 1893.

Residential Schools for the Blind

Name of Town in which the School is located.	Address of School.	When Founded	Age of Admission of Pupils.	Fee for Pupils.
9 *GORLESTON-ON-SEA ...	Church Road ...	1912	5	£35 a year in case of non-contributing authorities.
10 LEATHERHEAD.—The Royal School for the Indigent Blind (late St. George's Circus Southwark, S.E.)	Highlands Road, Leatherhead, Surrey ...	1799	Both sexes from 12 to 26 ...	150 free pupils on the Foundation. Paying pupils £30 a year ...
11 *LEEDS	Blenheim Walk ...	1899	Both sexes from 5 ...	Pupils from outside Leeds £28 a year. Leeds cases by arrangement with the Local Education Authority.
12 LIVERPOOL — *Catholic Blind Asylum ...	59, Brunswick Road	1841	No limit.	Over 16, £17 12s. per annum.
„ *Branch School in connection with the above	Yew Tree Lane, West Derby ...	1901	From 5 to 16	Under 16, as authorised by the Board of Education.
13 „ School for the Indigent Blind ...	Hardman Street ...	1791	Both sexes from 16 to 45 ...	8s. 6d. a week exclusive of clothing (about £4 a year).
„ *Branch School in connection with the above	Church Road, Wavertree ...	1898	Both sexes from 5 to 16 ...	£26 a year for board, education, clothing, etc.
14 LONDON—*County Council School	Linden Lodge, 26, Bolingbroke Grove Wandsworth Common, S.W. ...	1902	Boys only, at 12 years of age...	Decided by London County Council ...
15 * „ Ditto	Elm Court, 22, Court Road, West Norwood, S.E. ...	1902	Girls only, at 12 years of age...	Ditto
16 „ *East London Home and School for Blind Children	Northumberland House, 2 & 4, Warwick Road, Upper Clapton, N.E. ...	1874	Both sexes from 5 to 16 ...	£30, including clothing. Some free
17 „ *London Society for Teaching and Training the Blind ...	Swiss Cottage, Hampstead, N.W.	1838	Boys and Girls from 7 to 16	£30 a year.

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Professions and Trades Taught.	Maximum number of Pupils that the School can accommodate.	Number of Resident Pupils in the School in March, 1915.	GENERAL INFORMATION.
Basket-work, Chair Caning, Housewifery.	52	52	This School is established by the Education Authorities of Norwich, Yarmouth, Lowestoft, Norfolk, East Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, the Isle of Ely and Essex.
Music, Brush Making, Hand and Machine Knitting and Sewing, Basket and Mat Making, Piano-forte Tuning.	250	225	Pupils are elected on the Foundation by the votes of the subscribers. The elections take place in January and in July of each year. The London Office is at St. George's Circus, Southwark, S.E., the Factory at 250, Waterloo Road, S.E.
	106	68	This is a School under the Leeds Education Authority, and has dormitory accommodation for 147 blind and deaf children including an annexe to the Institution. Day Scholars are admitted free from Leeds and on payment of £5 5s. a year for those outside Leeds. The School is certified under the Act, 1893.
Basket and Mat Making, Chair Caning Weaving, Knitting.	260	217	This is a Roman Catholic Institution. No well-behaved inmate is sent away if wishful to stay in the Asylum, where provision is made for resident adults to work, and also for the delicate and friendless Blind. The sisters of Charity of S. Vincent of Paul have charge. The School is certified for 140 boarders under the Act, 1893.
Basket and Mat Making, Boot Repairing, Chair Seating, Knitting (Hand and Machine).	100	80	There is an Old Pupils Fund with a capital of £3,500. It provides pupils on leaving the School with tools and materials, and assists them in other ways. A Home accommodating 12 adult learners who attend the school daily was established in Hope Street in 1912.
	84	84	There are 6 day pupils who pay £13 13s., less government grant.
Basket Making, Chair Caning, Mat Making.	40 (30 resident and 10 day pupils).	29	Boys only are admitted at this Residential Council School. There are 11 day pupils, and the number of these is decided by the London County Council.
There is now a Technical Class (Day) for girls between 16 and 18 years in Machine Knitting.	65 (40 resident and 25 day pupils).	68 (40 resident and 28 day pupils).	Girls only are admitted at this Residential Council School.
Typewriting, machine and hand knitting, sewing, basket-work, chair-caning.	36	36	The School is certified for 18 boys and 18 girls under the Act, 1893.
Music—Organ and Piano. Piano-forte Tuning, Machine Knitting, Typewriting, Boot Repairing, Chair Caning, Basket Making.	96 (80 resident, 16 day.)	82	Day pupils admitted from 7 years of age at £10 a year.

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Name of Town in which the School is located.	Address of School.	When Founded	Age of Admission of Pupil.	Fee for Pupils.
LONDON, <i>continued</i> —	Westow Street, Upper Norwood, S.E.	1872	Both sexes from 16 to 21 ...	£65 a year. Private pupils £80.
18 Royal Normal College and Academy of Music for the Blind				
„ Technical or Piano-forte Tuning Dept.	„ „	1872	Males from 16 to 25	£65 a year
„ *Intermediate Department	„ „	1882	Both sexes from 13 to 16 ...	£45 a year. Private Pupils £60
„ *Preparatory Department, including Kindergarten ...	„ „	1882	Both sexes from 5 to 13 ...	£35 a year. Private Pupils £50 a year ..
19 „ Smith Training College (in connection with above College).	108, Church Road, Upper Norwood, S.E.	1895	Both sexes from 18, who have passed the Preliminary Examination of the Board of Education	£65 a year,
20 MANCHESTER — Hen-shaw's Blind Asylum	Old Trafford ...	1839		
*Elementary School			Both sexes from 5	£36 per annum
Technical School			Ditto 16	„ „
21 „ College of Music ..	Throstle Nest, Chester Road	1914	20 pupils ...	£36
22 *NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE — Royal Victoria School for the Blind ...	Benwell Dene ...	1838	Both sexes from 5	£27 a year for Residents, and £26 a year for Outboarders.
23 NORWICH	132, Magdalen Street	1805	Both sexes from 16 to 55 ...	£23 8s. a year for maintenance, education and clothing.
24 NOTTINGHAM	Chaucer Street ...	1843	Both sexes from 16	All pupils are boarded out, and the inclusive fee is from £30 a year.
25 PLYMOUTH	North Hill ...	1860	Both sexes from 16	In Workrooms: 6s. to 6s. 6d. a week, and 7s. 6d. a week for those outside the district No charge is made for instructing pupils who do not reside in the Institution.

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Professions and Trades Taught.	Maximum number of Pupils that the School can accommodate	Number of Resident Pupils in the School in March, 1915.	GENERAL INFORMATION.
Students are trained to become Organists and Teachers of Music, Pianoforte Tuners, Shorthand Typists, and School Teachers, and are also prepared for University Examinations.	160	123	<p>Examination for Gardner Trust Scholarships of the annual value of £40 are held in March, July and December. All the pupils receive, in addition to a thorough general and physical education, elementary, technical, and musical training.</p> <p>The School is certified for 138 children under the Act, 1893.</p> <p>This College is recognised by the Board of Education as a Training College for School Teachers, and Government Grants are made, as in Training Colleges for the sighted.</p>
	184	174	<p>The election of pupils usually takes place in February, May, August and November in each year. Tools are granted to satisfactory pupils on leaving school. The Elementary School is certified for 91 children under the Act, 1893.</p>
Basket, Mat, Bedding, Cork-fender, Knitting, Chair-caning.	75	70	<p>The School is certified for 38 males and 37 females, under the Act, 1893. Special attention is given to handicrafts. A new Technical School and also a Hostel for Girls over 16 are shortly to be erected.</p>
Hand and Machine Knitting, Chair Caning, Baskets, Mats, Rugs, etc.	60	34	<p>Non-resident pupils are admitted, but there is no fixed fee. There is also an Asylum for the aged in connection with this Institution (<i>vide page 34</i>).</p>
	No limit, as pupils are boarded out	80	<p>This is the Royal Midland Institution for the Blind for the counties of Nottingham, Derby, Leicester, Lincoln and Rutland, and is for the technical training of the Blind after they have passed the school age. Pupils admitted from other Counties.</p>
	80	38	<p>There are altogether 54 inmates, including 3 assistant teachers (blind), and 16 journeymen earning full wages. Day as well as resident pupils and journeymen are received.</p>

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Name of Town in which the School is situated.	Address of School.	When Founded	Age of Admission of Pupils.	Fee for Pupils.
26 *PRESTON	Lytham Road, Fulwood	1895	Both sexes from 6 to 15	£24 a year, and £3 for first outfit.
27 RHYL	Walmer, School for the Blind and Deaf Blind	1903	4 years	According to circum- stances. £35
28 *ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA	48 and 49, Kenil- worth Road ...	1903	Both sexes from 3	From £35 a year
29 „ „	12, Upper Maze Hill	1910	From 16	From £32
30 *SHEFFIELD	Manchester Road, Broomhill ...	1879	Both sexes from 5 to 16	£21 a year for main- tenance, education and clothing for Sheffield pupils. £25 a year for those outside Sheffield
31 *SOUTHSEA	St. Mary's Hall, St. Edward's Road	1864	Both sexes from 5 to 16	£23 a year under, and £27 a year over 12 years of age, exclusive of holidays, but inclu- sive of repairs and renewal of clothing;...
32 *STOKE-UPON-TRENT ..	The Mount ...	1897	Both sexes from 5 to 16	£35 per school year ...
33 *SWANSEA	Northampton Place	1865	Both sexes from 5	£30 a year for mainten- ance and education.

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Professions and Trades Taught.	Maximum number of Pupils that the School can accommodate.	Number of Resident Pupils in the School in March, 1915.	GENERAL INFORMATION.
	48	44	The School is on the Cottage Home System, and intended for Children resident in North and North-East Lancashire. Pupils all resident.
	15	11	The terms for Day Scholars of whom there is one are £10 a year. All communications should be addressed to Miss A. E. Roberts.
		26	This School, known as the Hastings and St. Leonards Special School for the Blind, was certified by the Board of Education in 1907, and affiliated to the National Association for the Feeble-minded. Pupils whose education has been neglected, and those too delicate for an ordinary school, are given special attention and training. There is accommodation for better-class pupils. All communications to be addressed to Miss Meiklejon, 48, Kenilworth Road.
Housecraft and suitable manual work and every effort is made to improve the physical and mental condition of the patients	...	5	As an outcome of the work of the Special School at 48, Kenilworth Road, an After-Care Department was founded to supply the need for the permanent care of female patients who through blindness and mental defect are practically unemployable. All communications to be addressed to Mrs. Meiklejon, 12, Upper Maze Hill.
Music, Typewriting, Machine and Hand Knitting, Chair Caning, Basket, Mat and Brush-work.	70	70	The School is certified for 35 boys and 35 girls, under the Act, 1893.
	72	65	The school is certified for 36 boys and 36 girls under the Act, 1893, but there is class accommodation for only 66.
	31	31	This school is established by the North Stafford Joint School Authority for the education of blind and deaf children. No non-resident pupils are received.
	60	53	This School is certified for 60 children under the Act, 1893 (30 boys and 30 girls).

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Name of Town in which the School is situated.	Address of School.	When Founded	Age of Admission of Pupils.	Fee for Pupils.
34 WORCESTER	College for the Higher Education of the Blind ...	1866	From 7 upwards, provided they can feed themselves and manage their own dressing.	£60 to £80 per annum.
35 *YORK	King's Manor House	1833	Both sexes from 5 to 16 ..	£26 5s. a year, and in certain cases a reduced fee

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WHERE DAY SCHOLARS ARE ADMITTED.

The figures in brackets give the number of day scholars that can be accommodated in each School. Bolton (28); Bristol (20 partially blind); Burnley (16); Cardiff (30); Leeds (50); Leicester (30 partially blind); Manchester, Chorlton-upon-Medlock (40); Nottingham (56); Oldham (20); Sheffield (20 partially blind); and Sunderland (18).

The Residential Council Schools for the Blind in Bolton, Bradford, Gorleston-on-Sea, Leeds, London, and Stoke-on-Trent, are given in list of the Residential Schools (*vide* pages 16, 18 & 22).

Under the London County Council.

In March, 1915, there were 345 blind children on the roll of the eight schools for the Blind under the London County Council. Of these schools, six are day centres for young children, and two are residential. All are certified by the Board of Education. In the day centres the boys and girls are educated together up to the age of twelve or thirteen. The accommodation is as follows:— Battersea (30); Camberwell (60); Camden Town (30); Hackney (30); Notting Hill (30); Woolwich (60).

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Professions and Trades Taught.	Maximum number of Pupils that the School can accommodate.	Number of Resident Pupils in the School in March, 1915.	GENERAL INFORMATION.
A good public school education in Classics, Mathematics, English, Modern Languages, Science, Commercial Subjects and Music	30	15	The object of this College is to prepare blind boys to go to the University and enter any of the Professions or Commerce. Over 40 per cent. have already done so, a large proportion having graduated with honours. There are several Scholarships tenable at the College for the assistance of boys of limited means. An excellent new building, replete with all modern improvements, was opened in 1902.
	80	79	This School forms part of the Institution known as The Yorkshire School for the Blind, which includes schools for primary and technical education, workshops for adult blind men, an out-pupils' department for teaching a handicraft to such as have lost their sight after 16 years of age, and an Industrial Home for Blind Women at Scarborough. The "Markham Fund" assists former pupils of the School in starting and carrying on the trades which have been taught to them, and in many other ways. The "Munby Fund" encourages the study of music in the school, and assists musical pupils on leaving. This School is certified for 47 boys and 33 girls, under the Act, 1893.

In addition, the Council has six Myope Schools with accommodation as follows:—Holloway, 60; Bethnal Green, 20; Limehouse, 20; Walworth, 20; Kennington, 20; Tooting, 40; (Hammersmith, 20; will shortly be opened). There are 199 myopic children on the roll in these classes.

The two Residential Schools provide industrial training for the older boys and girls: Linden Lodge, for boys (*vide* page 18), and Elm Court, for girls (*vide* page 18).

The London County Council gives annually, in addition, eight scholarships, of the value of £30, for blind boys and girls on leaving school.

Four scholarships for blind children over 16 years of age have been placed at the disposal of the Council by the Committee of Gardner's Trust, two of the value of £40 and two of £30 per annum, tenable for four years. These scholarships are available for children who have attended the Council's Certified Blind Schools up to the age of 16, and are awarded on the result of an examination to be held by the Council. The Superintendent is Mr. B. P. Jones, and the Assistant Superintendent is Miss R. F. Petty, Education Offices, Victoria Embankment, W.C.

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(The correct titles of the Workshops are not given, but the names of the

NOTES.—1. * The Asterisk indicates that the Workshop is attached to one of the Schools

2. At the Workshops, inmates, as a rule, are not received; but workpeople, and otherwise stated, it may be inferred that both sexes are employed

Name of Town in which the Workshop is located.	Address of Workshop.	When founded.	Number of blind persons employed in March, 1915.
1 ACCRINGTON	32, Bank Street	1907	5
2 *BIRMINGHAM	Carpenter Road, Edgbaston Woodville Road, Harborne	1846 1908	154 (exclusive of learners)
3 BLACKBURN	Mayson Street	1910	
4 „	Thornber Street	1908	17
5 BOLTON	Marsden Road	1867	35
6 BRADFORD, Yorkshire	2, North Parade	1861	134
7 BRIGHTON—*Barclay Home ...	Wellington Road	1914	2
8 BRISTOL—*The Workshops for the Blind	Park Street, Bristol	1793	40 men and 51 women
9 BURY	45, Parson's Lane	1914	7
10 CARDIFF	Glossop Road	1865	65
11 CARLISLE	Lonsdale Street	1872	23
12 CHELTENHAM	51, Winchcomb Street	1855	29
13 CHESTER	Union Court, Foregate Street, Chester	1913	3
14 *EXETER	St. David's Hill	1838	20
15 HANLEY, Stoke-on-Trent ...	Victoria Road, Shelton, Hanley ...	1901	35
16 HEYWOOD	Holt Street... ..	1910	3 men and 3 women

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towns in which the Workshops are severally located, are arranged alphabetically.)

mentioned on the preceding pages.

those under instruction must provide their own board and lodging elsewhere. If not at the Workshops.

Are Pupils received for instruction?	Trades Practised.	GENERAL INFORMATION, INCLUDING FEE, IF ANY, FOR LEARNERS.
yes	Knitting, string bag-making, cane-seating.	The women are employed in making string bags and stocking knitting; and the men in cane and rush-seating and firewood bundling.
yes		These Workshops form part of The Birmingham Royal Institution for the Blind. There is a Retail Shop and Typewriting Department at Christ Church Passage, New Street, Birmingham. For trades taught and practised <i>vide</i> page 17. At Harborne there is also a Kindergarten.
yes	Knitting, weaving, etc.	Learners are paid 5/- per week. Day Technical Class. Only women workers.
yes	Basket-making and skip-making.	Learners are paid 5/- per week.
yes		Apprentices are taken when there is a vacancy, but no fee is charged.
yes	Brush-making, basket-making, mat-making, firewood chopping, needlework, chair-caning	14 women are resident. Day Technical Classes, recognised by the Board of Education, are established for the instruction of blind pupils over 16 years of age. A Residential Training Home for blind men was established in 1906, where there are 16 men brush-making, wood chopping, &c. A Residential Training Home for blind women was established in 1908. 12 women are employed at knitting, chair-caning, &c.
no	Weaving and machine knitting	Workshop entirely for girls trained at the Barclay Home.
yes	Basket, brush and mat-making, machine and hand knitting, weaving	The workers are chiefly former pupils. An entrance fee of £3 3s. is expected, in the women's department, if applicants come from a distance. Three of the women work at their own homes.
yes	Hand and machine knitting, chair cane seating, rug making	The Hon. Sec. is Mr. J. Clegg, 369, Rochdale Old Road, Bury.
yes	Basket, mat, cork fendoff-making, chair caning and sewing.	Inmates are received, as learners, from 16 years of age.
yes	Basket and mat-making, bedding manufacturing	Applicants must be over 14 years of age. Workmen can be boarded and lodged at 12/- a week each, in a Home adjoining the workshops.
yes	Basket and mat-making, chair-caning	Three women also are assisted by work at their own homes.
—	Basket-making, chair-caning and rushing	Only three persons employed as a rule. The men come to the workshop for convenience to do their work. There is no regular teacher.
yes	Basket and mat-making	There are 18 men and 2 women.
no	Basket-making	These Workshops, the North Staffordshire Workshops for the Blind, are not connected with the local school, but are managed by an entirely voluntary committee.
yes	Knitting, string bag and brush-making	This Workshop is closed at present on account of the War.

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Name of Town in which the Workshop is located.					Address of Workshop.	When founded.	Number of blind persons employed in March, 1915.
17	HULL	...	...	...	Kingston Square	1864	46
18	LEEDS	...	...	...	Albion Street	1865	76
19	LEICESTER	...	...	...	50, Granby Street... ..	1858	43
20	LIVERPOOL	...	...	...	Cornwallis Street	1861	169
21	LONDON—Association for Promoting the General Welfare of the Blind (Incorporated)				258, Tottenham Court Road, W.	1856	97
22	„	B Barclay Workshop for Blind Women...			233, Edgware Road, W. (upper part)	1906	20
23	„	Blind Employment Factory			246, 248 & 250, Waterloo Road, Southwark, S.E.	1879	43
24	„	East London Workshop for the Blind			33, High Street, Plaistow, E. ...	1911	17
25	„	Eyes to the Blind Society			17, Callow Street, Chelsea, S.W.	1902	8
26	„	London (formerly Surrey) Association for the Blind ...			90, Peckham Road, S.E.	1857	38
27	„	*London Society for Teaching and Training the Blind ...			Swiss Cottage, Hampstead, N.W.	1838	20
28	„	The West London Workshops for the Blind			60, High Street, Notting Hill Gate, W.	1830	37
29	„	Workshop for the Blind of Kent ...			49, London Street, Greenwich, S.E.	1877	28

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Are Pupils received for instruction?	Trades Practised.	GENERAL INFORMATION, INCLUDING FEE, IF ANY, FOR LEARNERS.
yes	Basket, cork fendoff making and cane chair re-seating	There is a Sick Benefit and Entertainment Branch to further develop the usefulness of the Institution, and by it about £270 a year has been expended in Relief, Summer Outings, Christmas Gifts, Bonus, &c., since its formation in 1889.
no	Brush, basket, mat-making and chair-caning	Applicants must be over 16 years of age, and six months resident in the city. If the Institution be not full, persons not previously resident are admitted. Deaf mutes are employed as well as the blind. There is a Sick Society under the management of the blind workers.
yes	Basket and brush-making, chair-caning, knitting and weaving	The workshop is only part of the Leicester Association for Promoting the General Welfare of the Blind, which also provides a Retail Shop, a Cottage Home for aged Blind Women, a Bible Woman, a Library with about 1000 volumes, &c. There is a teacher of Braille; and weekly grants are made to the necessitous Blind.
yes	Brush, mat, basket and bedding making, chair-caning, &c.	All Applicants must have been born in Liverpool, Birkenhead, or district, or they must have resided in that neighbourhood for some years, before becoming blind.
yes	Basket, brush, mattress and mat-making, chair-caning, &c.	This Association assists some of its old employees by way of pension (<i>vide page 42</i>), besides 3 persons elected under former rules, who were never employed in the Institution. There are separate dining rooms for the men and women, and hot dinners are supplied at a cheap rate.
no	Weaving and machine knitting.	Only women are received from the Barclay Home for Blind Girls, Brighton, and are employed in hand-loom weaving and machine knitting. Sighted pupils are received on payment of £3 the first quarter, and £1 each subsequent quarter.
no	Basket, brush and mat-making, chair-caning, knitting	Preference is given to former pupils in the School (<i>vide Leatherhead, page 42</i>).
yes	Baskets and brushes	Pupils are taken in the Institution at a premium of £30 for three years tuition.
yes	Machine and hand knitting	Hon. Treasurer, Miss L. Douglas-Hamilton, to whom all communications should be addressed. Women only are employed. Hand work (sewing and knitting) is carried on at the classes in Harley Street, Surrey Chapel, &c., and in their own homes by about 40 women and girls.
yes	Mat-making, upholstery, machine knitting, chair-caning, basket-work	Applicants must be above 16 and under 40 years of age. A dépôt for women workers and for sale of work has been opened at 58, Rochester Row, S.W.
yes	Chair-caning, boot repairing, basket-making, machine and hand knitting	14 men and 6 women are employed, as follows:—9 basket-makers, 5 chair-caners, 1 printer, 1 tuner, 1 machine-knitting instructor, 3 machine-knitters.
yes	Basket-making, wood-chopping, chair-caning, knitting	Fee 5/- weekly; less for special cases.
yes	Fendoff and basket-making, chair-caning, mattress-making, and repairs.	Only men between 15 and 40 years of age are admitted, and applicants must be either natives of the County of Kent, or have resided sufficiently long to be termed resident. Fee of 5/- per week until efficient.

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Name of Town in which the Workshop is located.	Address of Workshop.	When Founded.	Number of blind persons employed in Mar., 1915.
30 MANCHESTER *Henshaw's Blind Asylum	146, Deansgate	1881	48
31 „	Mary Ann Scott Memorial Home and Workshop for Blind Men and Women, "Hayesleigh," Old Trafford	1911	30 males and 30 females
32 „	7 and 9, Chapman Street, Hulme	1902	11
33 MIDDLESBROUGH	59, Grange Road West	1897	17
34 NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE	Breamish Street	1870	29
35 „ *Royal Victoria School for the Blind	Benwell Dene	—	18
36 NEWPORT, Mon.	4, Albert Terrace	1913	9
37 NORTHAMPTON	Gray Street	1898	24
38 NORTH SHIELDS	4, 5 & 6, Howard Street	1900	6
39 *NORWICH	132, Magdalen Street	1805	9
40 *NOTTINGHAM	Chaucer Street	1843	43 (5 females & 38 males)
41 OLDHAM... ..	New Radcliffe Street	1883	25
42 „	Werneth Hall	1904	7
43 *PLYMOUTH	North Hill	1860	60
44 *PRESTON	Lytham Road, Fulwood	1867	16
45 SHEFFIELD	57 & 59, West Street	1860	64 (37 males, 11 females 16 learners)

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Are Pupils received for instruction?	Trades Practised.	GENERAL INFORMATION, INCLUDING FEE, IF ANY, FOR LEARNERS.
no	Basket and skip-making only	This Workshop was originally established in Bloom Street, Salford, and is in connection with Henshaw's Blind Asylum (<i>v. page 20</i>).
yes	Brush, mat, basket-making, and women's industries	
yes	Pan brush-making	This workshop is in connection with the Manchester and Salford Blind Aid Society (<i>vide page 79</i>). Men only admitted. These men have been taught in the workshop.
occasionally	Basket, brush-making and chair-caning	No Fee.
yes	Mat, mattress, basket- making and wood-chopping	
yes	Basket and mat-making, bedding, cork-fenders and chair re-seating	No proper workshops at present, but a training institution.
yes	Basket, mat-making and cane work	The Borough Council Teacher of the Adult Blind holds classes in these rooms.
yes	Basket, brush and mat- manufacturing, chair-caning and knitting	
yes	Basket, mat-making and cork-fendoffs, chair-caning, embossing in Braille and Moon types.	This Workshop is in connection with the Northern Counties Blind Society.
yes	Basket, mat and rug-making, weaving and knitting	Only men admitted.
yes	Hand-loom weaving, hand and machine-knitting, chair- seating, basket, brush, mat, and bedding-making, boot and shoe repairing, piano- tuning and repairing	This is the Royal Midland Institution for the Blind for the Counties of Nottingham, Derby, Leicester, Lincoln and Rutland, which is now re-established as a Technical Training Institution and Workshops for the Blind over 16 years of age.
yes	Skip-making	Men only employed. An Evening Class is held in the North Moor Board School.
yes	Chair-caning, machine- knitting chiefly	This is a Workshop for women only, who have a dinner provided for them, and receive payment for work done, less the cost of material. The Institution is wholly financed by Miss M. Lees, of Werneth Park, Oldham.
yes	Basket and mat-making, hand and machine-knitting	The 60 persons employed do not include 3 Blind teachers and 2 foremen.
yes	Skip and basket-making for males, and cane-seating for females	A new Boarding House for Adults is being erected and will be opened in the autumn of 1915.
yes	Brush, mat, and basket- making, knitting, weaving	Men and women are employed. Applicants must live in, or near, Sheffield.

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Name of Town in which the Workshop is located.	Address of Workshop.	When founded.	Number of blind persons employed in Mar., 1915.
46 *SOUTHSEA	St. Mary's Hall	1864	6 males
47 STOCKPORT	St. Peter's Gate	1867	17
48 STOURBRIDGE	Bank Street	1914	12 to 14 can be employed
49 SUNDERLAND	23 & 24, Villiers Street	1877	32
50 *SWANSEA	Northampton Place	1865	31
51 TUNBRIDGE WELLS	63, Calverley Road	1897	6
52 WAKEFIELD	19, Queen Street	1901	15
53 WALSALL	139A, Lichfield Street	1905	16
54 WHITBY... ..	Walker Street	1896	3
55 WOLVERHAMPTON	17, Victoria Street... ..	1882	25
56 *YORK—Outpupils' Department	} King's Manor House ... }	1883	11
Outmates' ..		1861	21

NOTE.—THE WORKSHOPS FOR THE BLIND OF LONDON FEDERATION BOARD was formed in 1911 in order to promote co-operation among the Federated Societies with a view to greater efficiency and economy and to encourage, assist and benefit the seven federated workshops, viz., Barclay Workshop for Blind Women, "Eyes to the Blind" Society, East London Workshops for the Blind, London Society for Teaching the Blind, London Association for the Blind, West London Workshops for the Blind, and Workshop for the Blind of Kent. The Hon. Sec. is the Rev. H. G. Rosedale, D.D., and the Offices at 66, Finsbury Pavement, Moorgate Street, London, E.C.

in England and Wales.—continued.

Are Pupils received for instruction?	Trades Practised.	GENERAL INFORMATION, INCLUDING FEE, IF ANY, FOR LEARNERS.
yes (but only those who have passed through the school).	Basket-making and chair-caning	
yes	Brush-making, chopping and bundling of firewood, chair cane-seating	Applicants must be resident within three miles of Stockport.
yes	Basket-making and mending, and re-caning chairs.	This workshop for men only will be opened in July, 1915, with 12 workers. The Hon. Sec. is Miss King, Pedmore House, Stourbridge. No stipulated charge.
yes	Basket, bedding and mats.	
no	Basket-making, mat-making and chair-caning	Applicants must be over 16 years of age. The number of workmen (31) is exclusive of those under instruction at the School. Only males are admitted.
no	Basket-making and mending and re-caning chairs	
yes	Men at basket-making and women at chair-caning and knitting	The Sale-room, Workshops, Club-room and Library are all at 19, Queen Street. There is a Sick and Benefit Branch, and Meetings are held monthly.
no	Basket and wicker work and cane-seating and machine knitting	12 men are employed and 3 women, and 1 woman in collecting subscriptions and orders.
no	Basket and wool mattress-making, and rush and cane re-seating of chairs	The Sale-room is at 2, Brunswick Street. All the workers were trained at the School for the Blind at York. Goods made at the York Institution are also sold.
yes	Basket and mat-making, and chair-caning	There are 16 men and 8 women. There is a retail shop. The Horsman Fund relieves many of the sick and aged, and there is a Sick Benefit Club.
yes	Basket, brush, mattress, and mat-making	The object of this department is to teach trades to those who have lost their sight after the age of 16. It is worked in connection with the Outmates' Department.
no		Chiefly former pupils of the School.

"Opportunity to work is the boon the Blind ask of their fellow-men. Work, profitable work, robs blindness of its cruelest sting, it pervades our darkness with the light of joy and contentment," "You cannot bring back the sight to the vacant eyes ; but you can give a helping hand to the sightless along their dark pilgrimage. You can teach them new skill. For work they once did with the aid of their eyes, you can substitute work that they can do with their hands. They ask only opportunity and opportunity is the torch of darkness. They crave no charity, no pension, but the satisfaction that comes from lucrative toil, and this satisfaction is the right of every human being." *Extracts from letters written by MISS HELEN KELLER, in support of the New York Association for the Blind.*

Homes for

Town in which the Home is located.	Names and Addresses of Homes.	When Founded.
1 BRIGHTON	Home for Blind Women (Branch of the National Institute for the Blind), 104, Queen's Road ...	1915
2 BRISTOL	The Clifton Home for Blind Women, 9, Gordon Road, Clifton	1874
3 HOVE, SUSSEX	10, Goldstone Road (Mrs. Brookfield)	1910
4 HULL	The Rockcliffe Home for Blind Women, 83, Charles Street	1899
5 LEICESTER	Cottage Home for Aged Blind Women, 17, South Albion Street	1876
6 „	The Wycliffe Cottage Homes for the Blind, Gwendolen Road	1900
7 LONDON	The Cecilia Home for Blind Women, 111, Abbey Road, N.W.	1861
8 „	The North London Home for Aged Christian Blind Women, 67, 71, 73, 75 & 77, Hanley Road, Finsbury Park, N.	1880
9 „	„ „ „	1881
10 „	The North London Home for Aged Christian Blind Men, 65, Hanley Road, Finsbury Park, N. (in connection with the above)	1887
11 „	St. Dunstan's Blinded Soldiers' and Sailors' Hostel, Regent's Park, N.W.	1915
12 „	27, The Crescent, Barnes, S.W.	
13 MANCHESTER	Home for Blind Women, "The Elms," Eccles Old Road, Pendleton, Salford	1900
14 NEWPORT, Monmouthshire	Brook House, Llandeud, Newport	1902
15 NORWICH	Institution for the Indigent Blind, 132, Magdalen Street	1805

the Blind.

Number of
Inmates in
March, 1915.

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS.

Accom-
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This Home is for the reception of women immediately they lose their sight when they will be suitably trained to their new condition of life. They will remain for a few months only. Board and Lodging is provided free. Applications should be made to The National Institute for the Blind, 224-228, Great Portland Street, London, W. During the War this Home will be re-erected for the use of the inmates of the Blinded Soldiers' and Sailors' Hostel, St. Dunstan's, Regent's Park, London, W.

12 Fee £20 a year and clothing. Applicants must be over 16 years of age, and have 5 years good character.

2 A private house for blind boarders, who are received on moderate terms.

9 The inmates have to pay 7s. a week, and are employed at domestic work, cane chair-seating, typewriting and knitting.

4 A Home for aged and homeless blind Women under the care of a matron of their own position in life.

32 The buildings consist of six cottages, and there is accommodation for 34 inmates. There is no age limit. The Homes are for Leicestershire Blind only. There is a hall with accommodation for 250 people, and it is used for religious services, concerts, teas, socials, and as a workroom. The Homes are quite free, and designed to help those who can earn a little by employment, as well as the aged.

16 Fee £20 a year and clothing. Applicant's must be from 20 to 55 years of age. The Home is for women of the lower middle class.

82 There is no stipulated charge, although all inmates or their friends are expected to pay to the utmost of their ability. Applicants must be over 50 years of age, except in very special cases, where younger persons without friends to care for them, are admitted between the ages of 21 and 50 on payment of £27 6s. a year. There is a branch Home at Southend-on-Sea (*vide page 36 No. 19*).

13 This is a Home at 69, Hanley Road, for ladies of limited means, paying from 13s. 6d. each weekly, according to accommodation required. The Home will hold 13 inmates.

15 There is no stipulated charge, and the Home is free to those who are unable to pay anything. Applicants must be *practically* blind, and of good moral character.

Accom-
modation
for 120

St. Dunstan's is a temporary hostel, lent by Mr. Otto Kahn for Soldiers and Sailors blinded in the War, who will be taught to read and write Braille, typewriting, and various occupations. No charge for admission.

A superior Home for blind ladies, gentlemen, or invalids (adults or children). Resident nurse. Blind epileptic children specially managed. Terms moderate. Apply to Mrs. Lowthian.

28 Fee 6s. a week. 10s. a week for blind women from places other than Manchester and Salford. This Home is a branch of the Manchester and Salford Blind Aid Society (*vide page 79*). Intended primarily for respectable and friendless women of Manchester and Salford.

10 This is a "Country Home Change for the Blind" in connection with the Newport Home Teaching Society. The Hon. Secretary is the Rev. J. Swinnerton, at the Home. Blind persons admitted free. Since the establishment of the Home there have been 538 visitors. Special attention is given to adults who lose their sight by accident or disease. Classes are held for instruction of the Adult Blind in Braille and handicrafts that can be practised at home, such as mats, light baskets, cane work, and knitting. Preference given to residents in Monmouthshire and South Wales, but others are received.

13 The amount of fee is £23 8s. per annum. Both sexes admitted. Applicants must be totally blind and over 55 years of age. Accommodation for 16 inmates, eight of each sex. This Home is part of the same establishment as the School at Norwich (*v. page 20*).

Homes for

Town in which the Home is located.	Name and Address of Homes.	When Founded.
16 ST. LEONARD'S-ON-SEA	Seaside Convalescent and Holiday Home, Mayfield, St. Peter's Road	1890
17 SCARBOROUGH ...	Industrial Home for Blind Women, 13, Belgrave Crescent	1893
18 SHEFFIELD	Overend Cottages, Selbourne Road, Crosspool	1900
19 SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ...	Elim, Wilson Road... ..	1898
20 „	Hawtree House Holiday Home for the Blind, 8, Camper Road, Southchurch Beach, Southend.	1896
21 SOUTHPORT... ..	The Godfrey Ermen Memorial Home of Rest for the Blind, Roe Lane	1905
22 SWANSEA	The Glynn Vivian Home of Rest for the Blind, Caswell Hill, Mumbles, near Swansea	1907
23 WORTHING	Milton Haven	1915

Postal Regulations.

The following Regulations have been issued by command of the Postmaster-General in regard to the Post Office (Literature for the Blind) Act, 1906.

“Papers of any kind, periodicals and books impressed in Braille, or other special type for the use of the Blind, may be sent prepaid by post at the following rates of postage:—

For a package not exceeding 2-ozs. in weight, $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; exceeding 2-ozs. and not exceeding 5-lbs., 1d.; exceeding 5-lbs., and not exceeding 6-lbs., 2d. Any such packet, if posted unpaid, is charged double postage; if posted insufficiently prepaid, double the deficiency.

To be entitled to transmission by this post, a packet must:

(1) Consist only of articles specially impressed, as described

the Blind.—continued.

Number of Inmates in March, 1915.	GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS.
12	Adults pay 10s. a week, and children under 14, 5s. a week—or free by a subscriber's letter. The Home consists of two houses—one for men and one for women.
9	This Home is a Branch of the Yorkshire School for the Blind, York, whose Committee elect all inmates. Forms of application can be obtained at the School. The Home was removed in April, 1906, to its present more commodious premises. The sale shop is in Londesborough Road.
12	There is accommodation for 6 couples, who have been five years resident in Sheffield. Each inmate receives a pension from 2s. 6d. per week.
16	This is a branch of the North London Home. Permanent or temporary accommodation for the blind, partially blind, and their guides. Terms, 10s. 6d. a week. There is accommodation for 23 inmates.
—	Blind persons and their guides are admitted and spend two or three weeks in the Home. It is supported partly by voluntary contributions and partly by the Indigent Blind Visiting Society. Since the establishment of the Home, which is non-sectarian, nearly 1900 blind persons and guides have been admitted. The terms are 10s. 6d. a week for each person, unless by special arrangement. The Hon. Secs. are Capt. A. le P. Agnew and Capt. G. G. Webber, R.N.
40	Accommodation for 20 blind men and 20 blind women. The fees are 6s. a week for blind people from Manchester and Salford; 10s. during winter months and 12s. during the three summer months for those from other places. Members of the Sick and Benefit Club pay 4s. only per week. Arrangements can be made with blind people of the upper class. This Home is in connection with the Manchester and Salford Blind Aid Society, (<i>vide page 79</i>).
7	Open all the year. Accommodation for 9 males and 9 females. Minimum charge 6s. per week. Many blind persons go to the Home for a few weeks rest, and the largest number of inmates is from May to September. Hon. Sec., Mr. Joseph Hall, Grosvenor House, Swansea, to whom all communications should be addressed.
Accommodation for 12	The Home is primarily intended for Sailors and Soldiers blinded in the War. When not required for them, convalescent and other blind persons admitted. No fee.

above, for the use of the Blind, and may not contain any communication either in writing or printing in ordinary type, except the title and table of contents of the book or periodical, or any enclosure except a label for the return of the packet.

(2) Bear on the outside the inscription 'Literature for the Blind,' and the written or printed name and address of the sender.
 (3) Be posted either without a cover, or in a cover open at both ends, which can easily be removed for the purpose of examination.
 (4) Not exceed 6-lbs. in weight, and 2-ft. by 1-ft. by 1-ft. in dimensions.

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The use of printed labels, with the necessary inscription, is recommended."

Societies in England and Wales which

NAME.	ADDRESS.	When Founded.
1 BACUP—The Rossendale Society for Visiting and Instructing the Blind.	<i>Hon. Sec.</i> , 340, Newchurch Road, Stocksteads,	1890
2 BERKS—County Blind Society.	Mrs. Le Mesurier, <i>Hon. Sec.</i> , Milton Lodge, Kintbury, Berks.	1910
3 BIRMINGHAM — Henry Stainsby Pension Fund.	The Royal Institution for the Blind, Egbaston, Birmingham.	1908
Mrs. Mary Hadley Pension Fund for Women.		1913
4 „ The William Stevenson Trust.	c/o Messrs. Forsyth, Bettinson & Co., 36, Cannon Street.	1908
5 BOURNEMOUTH — Blind Pension Fund.	Mr. Frank Lattey, <i>Hon. Sec.</i> , Alyngby, Stourcliffe Avenue, West Southbourne, Bournemouth.	1914
6 BRADFORD (Yorks), John Harrison Fund for the Relief of the Poor Blind ...	The Royal Institution for the Blind, Bradford, Yorks.	1884
Queen Victoria Pension Fund ...	„ „ „ „	1897
Mrs. Lythall Memorial ...	„ „ „ „	1899
Ada Waud Memorial ...	„ „ „ „	1900
Miss Holloway Memorial	„ „ „ „	1906
7 BRIGHTON—The “ Moon ” Pension Fund.	Miss Munro Ritchie, <i>Hon. Sec.</i> , 69, Dyke Road, Brighton ...	1911
8 BRISTOL—(Rev. E. Kempe's Trust)	The School for the Blind, Westbury-on-Trym.	1856
9 „ John Merlott's Charity	The Office of the Bristol Municipal Charities, St. Stephen's Street, Bristol	1784
10 BUCKS—King Edward Memorial Fund for Buckinghamshire	c/o Mrs. Knapp, Linford Hall, Wolverton.	1913
11 CARDIFF—Shand Memorial Fund	The Institute for the Blind, Glossop Road, Cardiff	1886
12 CARMARTHENSHIRE Blind Relief Society ...	Mrs. E. R. Williams, <i>Hon. Sec.</i> , 36, Spilman Street, Carmarthen	1860
13 CORNWALL — The Dowager Lady Robinson's Fund for the Blind ..	c/o The Mayor of Penzance ...	1896

assist the Blind by way of Pension.

Number of Pensioners in March, 1915.	Amount of Pension.	GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS.
8	£6 a year.	Applicants who have received Parish Relief are ineligible. The elections take place in April and October.
13	1/- to 4/- per week.	Applicants must be residents in Berks.
8	£6 to £12.	} Preference given to those who have been members of the staff or pupils of the Institution, or workers in the Trading department, or persons on the roll of the Adult Blind Branch.
4	£6 to £12.	
9	£10	Applicants must be widows who have been blind for not less than three years, who are poor and reside in the Parish of Handsworth.
2	2/6 a week.	Applicants must be poor and deserving blind persons residing within a radius of 15 miles from The Square, Bournemouth. No limit to age.
24	£10 & £5 a year.	Applicants must have resided in Bradford for 5 years, and be unable to work. There is no limit as to age. Payments are made monthly.
4	£5	} For assisting the aged and needy blind workpeople in connection with the Bradford Royal Institution for the Blind.
4	£5	
2	£15	Applicants must be blind persons, who have resided for five years in Bradford and are unable to work. There is no age limit. Payments made monthly.
4	£5	For assisting aged and needy blind workpeople in connection the Bradford Royal Institution for the Blind.
5	£6 and £3 a year.	Applicants must be necessitous blind persons residing in Sussex and not less than 21 years of age. If married, income no to exceed £30 a year, if unmarried, £20 a year.
10	£2 10s. & £4	Applicants must have been former pupils of the Bristol School of Industry for the Blind, not married, and not in receipt of parochial relief. These are annual gifts and not pensions in the usual sense.
47	£10 a year.	Applicants must be above 50 years of age, and have been totally blind for 3 years. They must not be in receipt of parish relief nor have an assured income of £20 a year.
4	£5 4s. a year.	The four pensions are allotted by the Buckinghamshire Association for the Blind, of which Mrs. Knapp is Central Hon. Sec.
7	£5 a year.	Applicants must be at work at the Cardiff Institute. The Trustees appoint.
26	2/6 & 5/- monthly.	Applicants must be resident in the county of Carmarthen, in poverty, and of good character. A gratuity is given every Christmas.
34	£10 each	Applicants must be inhabitants of Penzance, or of the towns of Redruth and Camborne, or of any of the Parishes following, viz.: St. Erth, Madron, Gulval, Paul, Sancreed, St. Just, St. Burian, St. Levan, Sennen and Ludgvan. Elections take place on the first Wednesday in January, April, July and October, and applications must be forwarded by post before the 1st of the month. The Trustees appoint.

Societies in England and Wales which

NAME.	ADDRESS.	When Founded.
14 COCKERMOUTH—Hudson's Charity.	The Vicarage of All Saints, Cockermouth, Cumberland.	1872
15 DEVONSHIRE—Hazelwood Trust for the Blind	Managing Trustee, Cranicombe, Branksome Avenue, Bournemouth West	1904
16 ESSEX—Chigwell United Charities.	Clerk to the Trustees, Warwick House, Buckhurst Hill, Essex.	1804
17 EXETER—Institution for the Blind	St. David's Hill	1838
18. GATESHEAD—J. M. Elliott Trust	Trustees, 13, Poplar Crescent	1909
19 GLOUCESTER—John Wintle's Charity.	St. Michael's Rectory, Gloucester.	1845
20 HALIFAX	Mr. J. Clarkson, <i>Hon. Sec.</i> , Solicitor, Halifax	1888
21 HAMPSHIRE—G. J. Scale's Charity	The Town Clerk, The Town Hall, Portsmouth	1901
22 „ Moody's Charity for the Blind.	Mr. H. H. Stride, 4, King's Terrace, Southsea	1908
23 HASTINGS—Association for the Welfare of the Blind.	<i>Hon. Sec.</i> , Miss Wilson, 53, Kenilworth Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea	
24 HENLEY-ON-THAMES : A. Turner's Charity.	The Clerk, Municipal Charities, Henley-on-Thames.	1835
25 HERTS—Collett's Charity... ..	Trustees: Mr. J. H. Blundell, The White House, St. Alban's; and Messrs. H. and W. Blundell, Moulton Lodge, Luton.	1813
26 „ Miss Godwin's Charity.	Hemel Hempstead.	1893
27 IPSWICH AND SUFFOLK—Institution for providing Relief and additional comfort for the Blind..	<i>Hon. Sec.</i> , Chief Librarian, Central Library, High Street, Ipswich	1874
28 KENT—Mrs. Elizabeth Denward's Charity to the Blind of Kent	Upper Hardres Rectory, Canterbury ...	1805

assist the Blind by way of Pension.—*continued.*

Number of Pensioners in March, 1915.	Amount of Pension.	GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS.
3	About £3 6s. 8d. a year.	Applicants must be resident in Cockermouth, and above 50 years of age. The Vicar and Churchwardens of All Saints appoint. Payments made twice a year.
8	£10 & £12 a year.	The Trust, founded by the late Mr. Peek, is not exclusively for the Blind. Blind applicants must be personally known to the Trustees, and reside within 20 miles radius of the village of Loddiswell.
2	£1 3s. 4d.	The Trustees are the Trustees of the Chigwell United Charities. The pensions are granted to two blind women residing in or near the parishes of Chigwell and Buckhurst Hill.
1	various	The pension is granted only to old pupils unable to support themselves.
48	£13, £7 16s. & £6 10s.	A sum of £10,000 was left for the benefit of blind persons.
4	£1 to 10/-	Applicants must be resident in the City of Gloucester. The money is distributed on December 21st.
62	1/- to 2/- per week and one at 10/- per week	Recipients are members of the Society for the Home Teaching and Assistance of the Halifax Blind.
19	£30	Pensions are granted to blind persons, male or female, of good moral character, of 30 years of age and upwards, who are in necessitous circumstances and who were born in the County of Hants, and at the time of election are resident there, and have been so resident for five years or more immediately preceding election. The election of annuitants is vested in the Corporation of Portsmouth.
6	£8 a year.	Pensions of not more than £10 a year are granted to poor and necessitous blind men and women who must be 25 years of age or upwards, totally blind for one year, resident for two years immediately before relief in the County of Southampton not in receipt of parochial relief and not possessed of an income of more than £20 a year.
2	£1 a year each.	The Pensioners are men.
1	£4 7s. 4d.	The pension is paid quarterly to one poor man living in Henley, by the Henley Charity Trustees.
4	£2 19s. a year each.	Preference is given to residents in or near Hemel Hempstead. There is no limit as to age. Payments are made half-yearly. The Trustees appoint.
5	£10	Receipt of parochial relief no bar.
8	From 1/6 to 4/6 weekly.	Payments are made weekly. A blind man visits the Blind and teaches them chair-mending, and also reads to them as required.
12	£3 15s. a year.	Applicants must be resident in the county of Kent. There is no limit as to age. Payments are made once a year. The Trustees appoint.

Societies in England and Wales which

NAME.	ADDRESS.	When Founded.
29 LEATHERHEAD — Royal School for the Indigent Blind (Bird's Williams', County Asylum Fund, Randell's, and E. C. Johnson's).	Highlands Road, Leatherhead, Surrey ... London Office, 1, St. George's Circus, S.E.	{ 1827 1865 1871 1888 1895 }
30 LEEDS—Institution for the Blind	Albion Street	1866
31 LEICESTER — Miss S. Barlow's Charity for Blind Women	The Clerk to the Trustees, 1, Welford Rd., Leicester	1886
32 LIVERPOOL—The Cornwallis Street Blind Annuity Fund ...	Workshops for the Blind, Cornwallis Street	1865
33 LONDON—Association for Promoting the General Welfare of the Blind (Incorporated)	258, Tottenham Court Road, W....	1856
34 „ Blind Man's Friend, or Day's Charity	c/o Clothworkers' Hall, 41, Mincing Lane, E.C.	1836
35 „ Clothworkers' Company (West, Newnam, Thwaytes, Acton, Cornell, Gregory, Love & Wing)	The Clothworkers' Hall, 41, Mincing Lane, E.C.	1718
36 „ Cordwainers Company (Came's)	Cordwainers Hall, 7, Cannon Street, E.C.	1796

assist the Blind by way of Pension.—continued.

Number of Pensioners in March, 1915.	Amount of Pension.	GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS.
25	Approximately, £4 10s. a year.	Preference is given to former pupils of the School who are past work or unable to support themselves. The Committee appoint. Payments made yearly in December.
26	3 at £5 a year, and 23 from 1/- to 2/6 weekly.	Pensions and relief only given to local applicants.
10	£8 15s. a year.	The income from £3,500 is divided equally by the Trustees, between "ten blind women of good character, for the time being resident in the town and county of Leicester," as the "Trustees in their own discretion shall think fit."
8	£2 17s. per week in all.	All the Pensioners are workpeople, who have been employed in the Workshops and have become disqualified for work by age, accident, or infirmity.
24	£6 to £52 a year	Applicants must be old pupils of the Institution, and be totally or partially unable to work.
250	£20, £16 & £12 a year.	Applicants must be over 21 years of age, resident in the United Kingdom, totally blind, and not have been in receipt of parish relief during two years next preceding the appointment. The Trustees appoint. Payments are made quarterly in advance.
648	£20, £10 & £5 a year.	Applicants must be over 50 years of age, three years totally blind, except in case of a sudden accident, not in receipt of parish relief, nor have an assured income exceeding £24 a year. They must not be inmates of a workhouse, nor publicly solicit or receive alms. Blank petitions are issued between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. The pensions are intended primarily for residents in London or its neighbourhood. The £5 pensions are mostly reserved for cases where a £10 pension would involve loss of income from other sources, or would raise income from blind pension funds in excess of £25 per annum. Wing's Charity of £20 a year, is for those above 40 years of age who have been in a better station in life, and whose income does not exceed £50 a year.
116	£5 a year.	Applicants, if they be men, must be 45 years of age or upwards, if women and married, 40 years or upwards, if widows or spinsters, 30 years or upwards, must be totally blind, never have received parish relief, nor begged in the streets, and must reside in, or within 100 miles of London. The election takes place in December each year, and application should be made before the 1st of October. The application, if unsuccessful, must be renewed every three years. A pension of nearly £8 a year (Love's) is given to the most aged pensioner on the list <i>in lieu of the £5</i> . A pension of about £3 a year (Woolnough's) is given <i>in addition to the £5</i> , to the person who has been longest on the list. The payments are made annually.

Societies in England and Wales which

NAME.	ADDRESS.	When Founded
37 LONDON, <i>contd.</i> — Drapers' Company (Granger's Charity for the Blind.)	<i>Hon. Sec.</i> , Blind Man's Friend Charity, Clothworker's Hall, 41, Mincing Lane E.C.	1784
38 „ Edith and Norman Lord Pensions Fund	c/o Gardner's Trust for the Blind, 53, Victoria Street, S.W.	
39 „ Gardner's Trust for the Blind	53, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.	1879
40 „ Goldsmith's Company (Cureton's Charity) ...	Foster Lane, Cheapside, E.C.	1838
(Corporate Funds) ...	„ „	1874
41 „ Governesses' Benevolent Institution	Walter House, 418-422, Strand, London, W.C.	1843
42 „ Harley's Trust (The Hon. Frances Harley).	Messrs. Harrison, Pollock & Harrison, Vernon House, Bloomsbury Square, W.C.	1841
43 „ Hetherington's) Charity (Christ's Hospital)	60, Aldersgate Street, E.C.	1774
44 „ Howard's Charity for the Blind.	The Clerk, The Vestry, St. Marylebone Church, W.	1854

assist the Blind by way of Pension.—continued.

Number of Pensioners in March, 1915.	Amount of Pension.	GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS:
5	£12 a year as a maximum.	Applicants must be totally blind, deserving, necessitous, and of good character, who have not for at least two years next preceding the time of their appointment received Poor Law Relief, other than medical relief. No limit as to age. Pensions are granted for a term of three years in the first instance, but may be prolonged by the Trustees if they think fit, for a further period of not more than three years at each prolongation. They are awarded by the Trustees upon the nomination of the Trustees of the Blind Man's Friend Charity—to whom all applications should be addressed.
None elected at this date.	£26 a year.	Applicants must be blind English men and blind English women in any part of England, must have become blind after their 20th year and must be over 35 years of age, must never have begged in the streets or other public places and may be married or single. The Committee of Gardner's Trust for the Blind allot the pensions.
225	£20, £15 & £10 a year.	Applicants must be resident in England or Wales, not in receipt of parish relief, of good moral character, and in real need of help. There is no limit as to age. No assistance is given to street musicians, and the intermarriage of blind persons is much deprecated. The Committee appoint. Payments made quarterly in advance. This Trust gives assistance towards instruction in music, trades, etc. (<i>vide præcis page 52.</i>)
4	£20 a year.	Applicants must be over 50 years of age, totally blind for 12 months, resident in the county of Middlesex, and not have an income exceeding £25 a year; must not be in receipt of any other charity for the Blind. Preference is given to Freemen of the Company and their widows, and to Freemen of the City of London and their widows. Payments are made quarterly.
60	£20 a year.	Applicants must be resident in Middlesex, Kent, Essex, Herts, or Surrey. Preference is given to Freemen of the Company and their widows. There is no limit as to age. Payments are made quarterly.
5	From £30 to £50 a year.	Applicants must be over 50 years of age, governesses, single or widows, and must not be in receipt of more than £30 a year. The pension is forfeited by marriage. Payments are made half-yearly. Many blind governesses are helped by the Temporary Assistance Fund of the Institution.
12	£20 a year.	Applicants must be members of the Church of England, and must reside with some friend or friends of respectable character, whose name or names must be given on application. The Trustees appoint. Payments made quarterly.
805	£10 a year.	Applicants must be 55 years of age or upwards, one year totally blind, born in England, and must have been resident in the same parish or place in England for two years immediately preceding the date of petitioning, and never had parish relief; must not be in receipt of more than £20 of assured annual income. Forms of application are issued during October of each year, and application must be repeated annually in that month until the petitioner is elected. Payments are made annually in November. The following are ineligible—"Those who have never occupied a better position in life than day-labourers, or journeymen, or domestic servants, or who have ever been common beggars."
36	13s. a year	The funds are distributed by the Minister and Churchwardens of St. Marylebone Church, on Christmas Eve, to deserving blind persons residing in the civil parish of St. Marylebone.

Societies in England and Wales which

NAME.	ADDRESS.	When Founded.
45 LONDON, <i>contd.</i> —Humston's Charity for the Blind, administered by the Governors of the Aldgate Lordship Foundation	<i>Clerk</i> , Mr. Ernest Turner, Vestry Hall, Vine Street, Minorities, E.C.	1777
46 „ Indigent Blind Visiting Society	8, Red Lion Square, W.C.	1834
47 „ Institution for the Relief of the Indigent Blind of the Jewish Persuasion ...	8, Duke Street, Aldgate, E.C.	1819
48 „ London Association for the Blind.	90. Peckham Road, S.E. Office : 178, Charing Cross Road, W.C.	About 1891
49 „ National Blind Relief Society	Rev. J. Pulein Thompson, <i>Hon. Sec.</i> , The Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, S.W.	1843
50 „ Painter Stainers' Company (Stock's, Shank's, Grain-ger's, Smith's, Yeates', and Syddalls')	The Painter Stainers' Hall, 9, Little Trinity Lane, E.C.	1782
51 „ Rashdale's Charity for Blind Women.	c/o Gardner's Trust, 53, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.	1797

assist the Blind by way of Pension.—continued.

Number of Pensioners in March, 1915.	Amount of Pension.	GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS.
5	About £12 a year, but the amount varies.	There is no limit as to age. Preference is given to lightermen or watermen, their widows or children, belonging to (but not receiving poor law relief from), the parishes of St. Botolph, Aldgate, London, St. Botolph, Aldgate, Middlesex, St. John of Wapping, or St. Paul, Shadwell. Preference is also given to the children of former residents in the aforementioned parishes. Payments are made monthly. The Governors appoint.
95	From £2 12s. to £26 a year, about £650 in all.	Applicants must be resident in London, poor and deserving. The Committee appoint. Over 600 blind persons are visited and assisted by small weekly allowances in money, and those who are likely to succeed are started in some business. Mangles and Washing Machines are lent. Classes are held (<i>v. page 59</i>). About 60 women are employed in connection with this Society, in knitting, crochet, etc. One of the pensioners is on the General Fund, 20 on the Fund founded by the late Mrs. T. R. Armitage, and the rest are on the Samaritan Fund. The majority of these receive help regularly as long as their friends contribute a proportionate amount to that fund.
93	£26 a year.	Applicants must be totally blind, have been five years resident in England, and in receipt of no relief from any other similar society. Payments made weekly.
4	2 at 2s. a month, 1 at 4s. a week, and 1 at 8s. a week.	This is part of the general work of the Association.
750	£1, 15/-, 10/- monthly. Special pensions of 10s., 15s., and £1 per week granted to those who have occupied higher social positions in life.	Applicants must be over 18 years of age, resident in England, Wales, or Scotland, and their income, if single, must not exceed £25 a year; if married, £35 a year. Subscribers of £2 2s. nominate the applicants, who, if approved by the Committee, are elected according to priority of application, without any voting. Payments are made bi-monthly. This Society also gives an Annual Tea and Entertainment, and benefits the blind in other ways. There is no paid Secretary and no office expenses. The 5/- monthly Pensions have been abolished as inadequate. If candidates are not elected within 12 months, temporary help of 5/- a month is granted.
180	£10 a year.	Applicants must be 55 years of age complete, born in England, 1 year totally blind, and 2 years resident in the same parish; must have never received parish relief, and have no assured income above £10 a year, or receive any benefaction to that amount either before, or after election. Petitions are issued annually, from October 25th to November 26th inclusive. Payments made annually. The election takes place in the 2nd week in December.
5	£5 a year.	Applicants must be poor blind females of good moral character. The Trustees, who are the Committee of Gardner's Trust for the Blind, appoint. Payments made half-yearly. This charity grants pensions, each of the yearly value of £13, or such a less yearly value as will make up the yearly income to not less than £13.

Societies in England and Wales which

NAME.	ADDRESS.	When Founded.
52 LONDON, <i>contd.</i> —Royal Blind Pension Society of the United Kingdom.	237, Southwark Bridge Road, S.E. ...	1863
53 „ Society for Granting Annuities to the Poor Adult Blind ...	1, St. George's Circus, Southwark, S.E. ...	1858
54 „ South London Association for assisting the Blind (Incorporated) ...	Mr. J. T. Edmonds, <i>Hon. Sec.</i> , Carlton Villa, 155, Brixton Road, S.W.	1863
55 „ The Hepburn Starey Blind Aid Society ...	Mrs. Hepburn Starey, <i>Hon. Sec.</i> , 51, Belsize Avenue, N.W.	1864
56 MANCHESTER — Henshaw's Blind Asylum ...	1, St. Peter's Square, Manchester ...	1902
57 NORTHAMPTON—George Phillips' Trust ...	Mr. F. Ellen, Clerk to the Trustees, 13, Market Square, Northampton.	1899
58 OUNDLE—Clifton's Charity ...	Clerk to Feoffees of Oundle's Town Estate, Clerk's Office, Oundle ...	1723
59 OXFORD—Municipal Charity (Woodington's).	Clerk to the Trustees, 4, George Street, Oxford.	1875
60 PEMBROKESHIRE — Blind Relief Society ...	Miss Maria Evans, <i>Hon. Sec.</i> , 5, Hill Street, Haverfordwest	1861
61 READING—Blind Aid Society ...	Mr. Hugh E. Walford, Pattingham, London Road.	1893

assist the Blind by way of Pension.—continued.

Number of Pensioners in March, 1915.	Amount of Pension.	GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS.
1322	£6 and upwards a year.	Applicants must be over 21 years of age, resident in the United Kingdom, and their income, if single, must not exceed £20 a year; if married £30 a year. The receipt of parish relief is no bar to candidature. Payments are made monthly. The election is by the votes of the subscribers, except in the cases of two or more candidates who are elected by rotation at each half-yearly election in May and November. The Committee are also empowered to conclude contracts for the purchase of pensions for candidates eligible by the rules. There are also a few "Memorial" Pensions in the gift of the Committee. Pensioners under 60 years of age receive 10/- a month, under 80 15/-, under 85 20/-, and above 85 25/-. Forms of application should be returned by February 21st for the May election, and by August 21st for the November election.
311	£10 & £6 a year.	Applicants must be over 40 years of age, not in receipt of parish relief, and not mendicants. The election is by votes of the subscribers, in May and November. Payments are made half yearly in advance on the 15th of April and 15th of October. Grants are made from the Cranborne Memorial Fund (<i>vide page 75</i>).
60	4 of £5 & 56 of £2 a year.	Payments made quarterly. This Society also grants loans, gives general assistance, and holds classes (<i>v. page 59</i>).
About 160	Small weekly grants amounting to about £600 during a year.	This Society holds meetings for entertainments, prayer, lectures, &c. every Thursday evening, gives medical aid, and help in money and in kind, and sends urgent cases to the country and seaside. Preference given to residents in the neighbourhood (<i>v. page 58</i>). These are gifts, and not pensions in the usual sense.
90	5/- to 10/- weekly.	Forms of Application are supplied at 1, St. Peter's Square.
5	2/6 a week.	This Charity is in connection with the Northampton and County Association for promoting the general welfare of the Blind. The primary object is "to pay or allow to indigent blind persons belonging to the town and county of Northampton any sum not exceeding 5/- each per week."
2	£6 10s.	Applicants must be resident in Oundle. There is no limit as to age, The Feoffees of Oundle appoint.
5	£18 4s. a year.	Applicants must be resident in the city of Oxford. There is no limit to age.
17	5/- a month.	Applicants must be aged and poor residents in Pembrokeshire, and must be recommended by the clergyman or the district visitor of the parish.
19	£6	Applicants must be resident in the Borough of Reading. There is an endowment fund to provide the pensions. This Society assists in other ways (<i>v. page 80</i>).

Societies in England and Wales which

NAME.	ADDRESS.	When Founded.
62 ROSSENDALE	Mrs. G. Shepherd, Holmes Villa, Bacup, <i>Hon. Treasurer.</i>	1906
63 SHEFFIELD — Institution for the Blind	57-59, West Street, Sheffield	1900
64 STAFFORDSHIRE — Alice Fenton's Charity	Clerk of the County Council, County Buildings, Stafford.	1782
65 STOCKPORT—Mrs. George Walthew's Bequest.	St. Peter's Gate.	1910
66 SUSSEX—Fuller's Charity for the Blind of Sussex	Catsfield Rectory, Battle, Sussex... ..	1794
67 WHITBY—Trust for the Blind ...	One of the Trustees and <i>Hon. Sec.</i> , Mr. T. Warters, Bagdale Mount, Whitby.	1905
68 WOKINGHAM—Yarnold's Charity...	Clerk to the Municipal Charity Trustees, Wokingham, Berks	1829
69 WORCESTERSHIRE—Dr. Corbett's Trust	The Town Clerk, Guildhall, Worcester.	1906
70 YORK—Emanuel	The Treasurer 1, Market Street, York.	1781-2
71 „ Dorothy Wilson's Charity	Clerk to the Trustees, 3, New Street, York.	1717

NOTE. The following Charities and several others, although not specially for the Blind, assist blind persons, if otherwise eligible :—

The Royal United Kingdom Beneficent Association, 7 Arundel Street, Strand, W.C.

The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, 8, Waterloo Place, S.W.

The Aged Pilgrims' Friend Society, 19, Ludgate Hill, E.C.

The Royal Alfred Aged Merchant Seamen's Institution, 58, Fenchurch Street, E.C.

The Gardener's Royal Benevolent Institution, 92, Victoria Street, S.W.

assist the Blind by way of Pension.—continued.

Number of Pensioners in March, 1915.	Amount of Pension.	GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS.
8	£6 a year.	For needy blind people in Rorsendale Valley. Receipt of Parish Relief at the time when application is made renders applicants ineligible.
12	From 3s. to 7s. weekly.	Applicants must be above the age of 21 years, wholly or in part unable to maintain themselves, and have been resident in Sheffield not less than five years. Mendicants and itinerant musicians are ineligible.
1	£5 4s.	Applicants must be deserving and necessitous blind persons bonâ fide resident in the County of Stafford.
50	9s. a week.	Applicants must be over 60 years of age.
6	£9 8s.	Applicants must be resident in Sussex. Local cases have first claim. There is no limit as to age. Payments are made monthly. The Trustees appoint.
9	7 at £5 5s. & 2 at £7 7s.	Applicants must be "for the time being ordinarily resident in the area of the rural and urban district of Whitby." Those who receive £7 7s. a year are the "Alfred Hirst Memorial pensioners."
4	£4	This Charity was founded for the relief of 2 men and 2 women not in receipt of parish relief. Preference is given to residents in Hurst and Ruscombe. Payments made yearly on October 16th. This is not a regular pension society as grants are made to different persons each year.
26	£12 10s. a year.	A scheme was sanctioned by the Court in 1911 for the administration of this Charity. Under it 26 persons are in receipt of a yearly Pension of £12 10s. Under the will £10,000 were "bequeathed to the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the City of Worcester, to be invested and held by them in perpetuity, as trustees, for the purpose of granting 20 pensions of £12 10s. a year to such of the blind poor of the County of Worcester as shall be of good moral character, and shall have resided in the County for 5 years."
33	From £5 to £20 a year.	This Charity was founded for the benefit of ministers, and the wives, widows and children of ministers of all denominations in the United Kingdom who are blind, or nearly blind, or idiotic. Payments made half-yearly, in February and August
8	£8 a year.	Applicants must be resident in York.

Gardner's Trust for the Blind.

Committee:

THE RIGHT HON. LORD KINNAIRD, K.T.,
Chairman and Hon. Treasurer.

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THE RIGHT HON. LORD BELHAVEN AND STENTON.

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MR. W. F. LAWRENCE.

THE RIGHT HON. VISCOUNT COBHAM.

MR. EDWARD R. P. MOON.

Secretary - MR. HENRY J. WILSON.

Office - 53, Victoria Street, Westminster, London, S.W.

The "Gardner Trust for the Blind" is the Trust created by the Will of the late Mr. Henry Gardner, of 1, Westbourne Terrace, Hyde Park, who, at his death on January 9th, 1879, left the sum of £300,000, free from legacy duty, for the benefit of blind persons residing in England or Wales.

In order that the Fund should be employed in the best possible way, and in accordance with the wishes of the Testator, the matter was referred to the Court of Chancery, where a Scheme for the administration of the Fund, dated January 20th, 1882, was drawn up and approved. In pursuance of an application from the Committee, the Board of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales issued an Order on February 23rd, 1894, varying the Scheme of the Trust, which has the effect of constituting four general headings for the distribution of the income of the Fund, after payment of the necessary expenses of management, viz.—

1. Two-ninths shall be applied in instructing the Blind in the profession of Music.
2. Two-ninths shall be applied in instructing the Blind in suitable trades, handicrafts and professions other than the profession of Music.
3. Two other of such nine equal parts shall be applied in providing pensions for the poor and deserving Blind who may be incapable of earning their livelihood.
4. The remaining three of such nine equal parts shall be applied in such manner as the Committee think best for the benefit of the Blind.

The Committee, who meet, as a rule, on the first Tuesday in each month, and oftener when necessary, have absolute discretion in managing and carrying into effect the Scheme of the Charity, in strict accordance with these provisions.

All applications should be made to the Secretary, either personally or by letter, at the office, and not to Members of the Committee.

A report of the Trust is published annually, and a copy can be obtained on application to the Secretary.

In administering the Fund, the Committee desire as far as possible—

- A. To make grants from this fund the means of eliciting the contributions or assistance of other persons and societies.
- B. To give to the persons aided such assistance as will call out their own exertions, and put them in the way of maintaining themselves; but this is not meant to apply to the cases of persons who are considered fit subjects for pensions.
- C. To avoid such application of the Fund as will merely do that which would otherwise be done by the parochial rates.

No person is disqualified from receiving assistance by reason of his religious opinions; but no person can receive assistance unless the Committee are first satisfied that he is of good moral character and in real need of help from the Fund.

The following information will be useful to persons seeking assistance from the Trust:—

1. INSTRUCTION in Trades, Handicrafts and Professions, including Music (A.)—Scholarships of different values from £20 to £60 a year are founded at the Universities, and at various Institutions, and, as vacancies occur from time to time, blind persons between the ages of sixteen and twenty-seven, who are desirous of becoming candidates, should make application to the Secretary of the Trust, in order that their names may be registered. No person is permitted to compete for any scholarship unless the Committee are first satisfied that he has such health and strength of body and mind as will enable him to pursue his studies to advantage

The Scholarship does not cover, as a rule, the entire cost of the pupil's expenses at the Institution. In the first instance, the scholar is sent for three months on trial, and the Committee reserve to themselves the power of declaring the Scholarship vacant, if the result be unsatisfactory to them; if, however, the result be satisfactory, the Scholar holds his Scholarship for a year from the time that he entered the Institution, and then is re-elected from year to year, provided that the Committee at the expiration of each year are satisfied, by such evidence as they may require, that the Scholar has shown capacity, applied himself diligently to his studies, has otherwise conducted himself in a satisfactory manner, and is in need of further instruction. The decision of the Committee as to the re-election of a Scholar or otherwise is final and conclusive.

(B). Assistance by way of contribution is given to Institutions undertaking the instruction of the Blind, and also to individual blind persons above the age of 16 years who are unable to meet the whole expense of such instruction.

2. PENSIONS.—Grants by way of pension are made without restriction as to age. Persons in receipt of parochial relief are, by one of the regulations drawn up by the Committee for their general guidance, ineligible. No assistance is given to street musicians, and the intermarriage of blind persons is much deprecated. In the Report of the Royal Commission on the Blind, the Deaf and Dumb, etc., it is recommended that the intermarriage of the Blind should be strongly discouraged. Every applicant should, in the first instance, send his name in full, age, and address, to the Secretary, and state the average amount of his weekly income and from what sources it is derived. A letter from the clergyman of the parish in which the applicant lives, or from the minister of the chapel which he attends, should also be sent to the Secretary, giving full particulars, and certifying from personal knowledge that the applicant is of good character, thoroughly deserving, and in real need of assistance from the Trust.

The pensions, which are of the amounts £10, £15, and £20 a year, are terminable by the Committee on six months' notice, and are withdrawn without notice, if the pensioner prove undeserving, or no longer in need.

As only a portion of the income of the Trust can be applied in granting pensions, and as the applicants have been very numerous, and vacancies occur but seldom in the list of pensioners, very many persons, however deserving, must perforce be disappointed.

3. GRANTS by way of free gifts are made in the following and other cases :—

- (A). To Institutions for the purchase of furniture and apparatus required for the instruction of additional pupils beyond those already there, or otherwise in special cases.
- (B). For the manufacture of books in blind type, and grants of such books.
- (C). To assist local efforts for the establishment or fitting up of Schools, at which technical training may be given to the Blind in trades or handicrafts.
- (D). To enable persons who have received instruction in a trade, handicraft, or profession to begin the practice thereof and make a start in life, by providing them with tools, materials, &c., and also
- (E). To those persons who require help to continue their trade, handicraft, or profession, and are unable to procure it from friends or other sources.

Grants under headings D and E are made with no intention that they will be repeated, but with the hope of *permanently* establishing the recipients in some trade, handicraft, or profession.

NOTE.—Throughout this précis words importing males include females.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Trustees for the time being of the Gardner Trust for the Blind the sum of _____, free of legacy duty, for the general purposes of the said Trust, to be paid within _____ calendar months next after my death, exclusively out of such part of my personal estate as by the laws in force at my death may be bequeathed for charitable purposes, and in priority to all other payments thereout, but to be subject to abate proportionately with all other legacies in case my general personal estate shall be insufficient for payment of them all in full. And I declare that the receipt of one of the Trustees of the said Trust shall be an effectual discharge for the said legacy.

The National Institute for the Blind.

(Formerly the British and Foreign Blind Association. Founded 1868).

224-228, GREAT PORTLAND STREET, LONDON, W.

President and Hon. Treasurer: MR. C. ARTHUR PEARSON.

Secretary-General: MR. HENRY STAINSBY.

Branches—Home Teaching Society (London).

Moon Society (Brighton).

Massage Institution (London).

Home for Blind Women (Brighton).

This Institute (formerly known as the British and Foreign Blind Association) was founded in 1868 by the late Dr. T. R. Armitage for the purpose of promoting the education and employment of the Blind. It has been the chief instrument in popularizing the Braille system of reading and writing and the Braille music notation, and is the principal publishing house in the Empire of books in these systems.

On the death of Miss Moon and the appointment of new Trustees, the Moon Society passed under the management of the National Institute for the Blind. The publication of books in the Moon type is therefore assured. The Moon system is recognised as extremely useful for those who lose their sight late in life.

In addition to publishing a useful variety of Books in Braille and Moon Type, the Institute publishes five magazines in Braille and one in Moon type.

The Institute investigates any question connected with the well-being of the individual and collective Blind, and gives advice to the Blind and to those interested in their welfare. The supreme policy of the Institute is to raise the Blind above the level of indigence by promoting their training and education, and thus fitting them to become useful, self-supporting members of the community.

The Moon Society.

(Branch of The National Institute for the Blind).

FOR EMBOSSING BOOKS, IN DR. MOON'S TYPE FOR THE
BLIND.

104, Queen's Road, Brighton.

London Office (to which all communications should be
addressed): 224-228, Great Portland Street, London, W.

MR. HENRY STAINSBY, *Secretary to the Trustees.*

This Society was instituted in June, 1847, by the late Dr. Moon, to whom the Blind are deeply indebted for the well-known type bearing his name. The property, together with the buildings, the machinery for stereotyping, embossing, &c., is held by Trustees for the benefit of the Blind in perpetuity.

This type has been adapted to a very large number of languages and dialects.

In addition to the Bible, and many separate Chapters and Psalms, the publications now comprise 827 volumes in English, and 347 foreign books. More than 100,000 electrotyped and stereotyped plates have been prepared, and are preserved for the future use of the Society, and are daily being added to.



Classes for the Blind in London.

PENTONVILLE CLASSES FOR THE BLIND.—At Claremont Central Mission, Pentonville, N. Superintendent, the Rev. F. W. NEWLAND.

- (a) For Basketwork for men and women who meet 5-6.30 p.m. every Friday. This Class was started about eight years ago and has an attendance of 10 or 12.
- (b) For teaching Bootmending to men only. They meet every Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This Class was started in 1914 and two or three men are under instruction.

ST. JUDE'S HALL, Stephens Road, West Ham. Founded 1913. Mr. C. C. BROWNE, Hon. Sec. St. Jude's Society for training blind men in boot repairing. Instruction given to about 10 men by blind Instructor every week-day except Monday. Those living in West Ham are taught free, others pay 3/- per week. A Class, started in 1908, is held every Friday for Devotion, Lectures, etc., for men and women.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOLS, Pelly Road, Plaistow, E., on Tuesdays at 2.30 p.m. Superintendent, Rev. D. W. BENTLEY, Vicar of St. Mary's. Religious instruction, concerts, and lectures are given. There is a Provident Club. There are 50 names on the books and the average attendance is 36.

THE BAPTIST CHAPEL, Church Street, Edgware Road, W., on Wednesdays, 7 to 9 p.m. Hon. Superintendent, Miss MOREHEAD. A private class of a social kind for men and women. Average attendance 30.

THE GUARDIANS' OFFICE, Harrow Road, Paddington, W., at 3.15 p.m., every Sunday. The class is conducted by Dr. Hibberd, 1, Elgin Avenue, W. There are about 50 members.

WALTHAMSTOW AND LEYTON MISSION TO THE BLIND, St. Alban's Room, Ashford Road, Gosport Road, Walthamstow. Founded 1903. Meetings are held every Thursday from 1.30 to 4.30 p.m. There are 62 members, men and women. Fancy basket work, knitting, reading, writing, mat-making, brush-making and willow basket work are taught. The President is the Rev. A. T. FRYER, and the Hon. Sec. is Miss Culling, 1, Essex Road, Leyton.

THE HEPBURN STAREY BLIND AID SOCIETY.

Instituted in 1864; Hon. Sec., MRS. HEPBURN STAREY, 51, Belsize Avenue, N.W. The meetings of this Society are held every Thursday, at 7 p.m., at the Hall, Tolmer's Institute, Drummond Street, Hampstead Road, N.W. The members are at present limited to 400. The objects of the Society are to influence the Blind for good, to provide a weekly entertainment and summer excursions, to grant monetary help (*vide page 48*),

to provide medical advice and medicine free of cost, to send the sick to the seaside or country, and otherwise to assist the needy and deserving. Ladies visit the homes of the members weekly.

SOUTH LONDON ASSOCIATION FOR ASSISTING THE BLIND.

Established 1863. Incorporated 1911.

Mr. J. T. EDMONDS, Hon. Sec., Carlton Villa, 155, Brixton Road, S.W., founded 1863. Classes for men and women are held as under:—

1. ST. PAUL'S MISSION HALL, Manor Place, Walworth Road, every Wednesday evening. Education and Work classes from 6—7.30 p.m.; Recreation classes from 7.30—9 p.m.
2. CHRIST CHURCH HALL, Chapel Street, Brixton Road, every Thursday evening. Work class from 6—7 p.m.; Education class 7—8 p.m.; Recreation class 8—9 p.m.
3. ST. PHILIP'S SCHOOLROOM, Kennington Road, S.E., on the first Tuesday in each month, at 7 p.m. A devotional class. There are 174 blind members. Pensions (*vide page 48*) are granted to the most needy of the members.

The Indigent Blind Visiting Society.

8, Red Lion Square, W.C. This Society was founded in 1834 by the Seventh Earl of Shaftesbury. Its objects are to visit, relieve, and educate the blind poor of the Metropolis. Twelve classes are held weekly for elementary education, and are attended by 733 blind adult persons. *Eyes to the Blind* (*vide page 28*) is connected with this Society. The classes are as follows:—

- MISSION HALL, Francis Street, near Maryland Point Station, E.
Wednesdays, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.
- LECTURE HALL, Harley Street, Bow, E. Men—Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Women—Tuesdays, from 2 to 4.30 p.m.

GARDEN STREET, Stepney, E. Women's Work Meeting—
Thursdays, 2 to 4 p.m.

ST. STEPHEN'S SCHOOLROOMS, River Street, Canonbury, N. Men—
Wednesdays, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Women—
Wednesdays, from 2 to 4.30 p.m.

LECTURE HALL, Surrey Chapel, S.E. Men—Wednesdays, from
10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Women—Wednesdays, from
2 to 4.30 p.m.

LECTURE HALL, 12A, John Street, Theobald's Road, W.C.
Men—Tuesdays from 10.0 a.m. to 12.0 noon; Women—
Fridays, from 2 to 4 p.m.

KENSINGTON HALL, 188, Kensington Park Road, W. Fridays,
6.30 to 8 p.m.

The College of Teachers of the Blind.

This College was established at a meeting convened by the Council of the British and Foreign Blind Association, now the National Institute for the Blind, held on July 5th, 1907, when Dr. Eichholz, H.M. Inspector of Special Schools, who originated the idea of the formation of the College, was present.

The objects of the College, as stated in the Foundation Deed, are *inter alia* "to raise the status of the Teachers of the Blind by forming them into a College with a recognised position as specialists in the work of education," and "to give Teachers of the Blind the opportunity of submitting their qualifications to the scrutiny and judgment of an accredited body for the purpose of examination, so that upon proof of fitness they may receive Certificates of Competency, and with that object to hold all necessary examinations and to grant such Certificates and Diplomas as can lawfully be granted." The first examination was held in July, 1908, and examinations have been held each year subsequently.

The College is now recognised by the Board of Education. All Certificates issued to Teachers bear the Seal of the College. A library has been formed, consisting of works dealing with

the Blind, for loan to Teachers preparing for the examination, and to Members of the Council. Fellowships are granted in certain cases "to those who have done distinguished service in the Education of the Blind, provided that their experience extends over a continuous period of not less than ten years." All communications in connection with the College should be addressed to the Hon. Registrar, c/o The National Institute for the Blind, 224-228, Great Portland Street, London, W.

Home Teaching Societies for the Blind.

The Home Teaching Society for the Blind, London (founded in 1855) maintains 15 blind men as Teachers and Colporteurs, whom it sends to more than 2,000 blind in their own homes, and in the Workhouses in and around London and its suburbs, as far as Windsor, Hertford, Watford, Gravesend, Rochester, Chatham, and Aldershot, and throughout the County of Surrey, for the purpose of giving instruction in the art of reading by touch, and of lending books and magazines embossed in Moon and in Braille types. These are changed once a fortnight. Instruction and books are supplied entirely free from any charge. Those who are unable to learn to read are read to. Each teacher has a Library of 400 or 500 embossed books, and from the Society's Central Library at 224-228, Great Portland Street, London, W., he obtains a fresh supply every month.

The following is a list of places where there are similar Home Teaching Societies for seeking out and visiting the Blind in their own homes, most of which assist the Blind very materially in many ways besides teaching them to read and supplying them with books. The names and addresses of the Honorary Secretaries are given, and also the dates when the Societies commenced work.

ACCRINGTON, 1875, Mrs. F. S. Wood, 32, Bank Street.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, 1883, Mr. W. A. Shelton, 7, Cobden Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

BARNSELY, 1869, Miss E. Elmhirst, Elmhirst, Barnsley.

BATH, 1909, Miss Beavan, Bowood, Rosslyn Road.

BIRKENHEAD, 1899, Mrs. Marples, 7, Alfred Road, Oxtun.

- BIRMINGHAM, 1858, The Secretary, Royal Institution for the Blind, Edgbaston.
- BLACKBURN and DARWEN, 1881, Mr. E. M. Davies, J.P., Moorthorpe, Darwen, Miss Tennant, 10, Duke's Brow, Blackburn, and Mr. Henry Schofield, 11, East Park Road, Blackburn.
- BRADFORD, 1861, The Secretary, Royal Institution for the Blind.
- BRIGHTON, 1862, c/o, 104, Queen's Road.
- BRISTOL, 1857, The Secretary, School for the Blind, Westbury-on-Trym.
- BURNLEY, 1882, Mrs. Smith,⁵ Haverbrack.
- CARLISLE and CUMBERLAND, 1856, Miss Hartley, The Rookery, Scotby, Carlisle.
- CHELTENHAM, 1858, Captain Willoughby Berthon, 51, Winchcomb Street.
- CHESTER, 1875, Mr. C. W. Rogers, 39, Nicholas Street.
- COLCHESTER, 1876, Miss Hawkins, 87, East Hill, Colchester.
- COLNE, 1903, Mrs. Duval, The Rectory, Colne.
- CORNWALL, 1857, Miss Bradbury, Rosewarren, Mawnan Smith, Nr. Falmouth.
- COVENTRY, 1878, Mrs. A. P. Kinder, Richmond Villa, Allesley Old Road, Coventry.
- CROYDON, 1876, Mrs. Pocock, The Glen, Duppas Hill, Croydon.
- DARLINGTON, Mrs. T. Putman, Greylands.
- DEVONPORT, 1860, Mr. E. E. Gard, 6, St. Aubyn Street.
- DONCASTER, 1864, Miss Beckett Denison, The Hall.
- EXETER, 1903, Miss Tanner, 16, Powderham Crescent.
- GLOUCESTER, 1913, Miss Sumner, St. Mary's.
- HALIFAX, 1888, Mr. James Clarkson, Solicitor.
- HUDDERSFIELD, 1856, Miss M. Shaw, Inglewood. and Miss Brierly, Hazelgrove, Huddersfield.
- HULL, 1864, Dr. Rockliffe, Selioke, Hessle, East Yorks.
- ISLE OF WIGHT, 1893, Mr. T. W. Morphey, Hazelwood, Ryde.
- LEEDS, 1858, The Manager, Institution for the Blind, Albion Street.
- LEICESTER, 1867, Mr. G. HULL, 50, Granby Street.
- LINCOLN, 1914, Rev. C. E. Bolam, St. Mary Magdalene's Rectory.
- LIVERPOOL, 1858, Mrs. Richard Dart, 28, Aigburth Drive.

- LONDON, 1855, Miss M. A. Gilbert, 224-228, Great Portland Street, W.
- MACCLESFIELD, 1875, Miss C. Smale, Field Bank, Chester Road.
- NEWCASTLE and GATESHEAD, 1867, Miss K. Stephenson, Elswick House, Newcastle.
- NEWPORT, MON., 1865, Mr. C. Kinsey Morgan, 22, Bridge Street.
- NORTH DEVON, 1910, Miss Buckingham, Burrington Vicarage.
- NORTHERN COUNTIES BLIND SOCIETY, 1873, Mr. von Niederhausern, 4, 5, and 6, Howard Street, North Shields.
- NORTH HANTS, 1902, Miss Chuter (Referee), 24, Castle Street, Farnham.
- NORTH WALES, 1882, Miss D. Roberts, The Deanery, Bangor.
- OLDHAM, 1878, Miss S. A. Barstow, Werneth Hall Road, Oldham.
- OXFORD, 1877, Miss C. Heberden, Brasenose College, Oxford.
- OXFORDSHIRE, 1904, Miss Bullock, Wood Lawn, Norham Road, Oxford.
- PONTEFRAC T AND UPPER OSGOLDCROSS DIVISION, 1910, Miss Leatham, Hemsworth Hall, Wakefield.
- RIPON, 1912, Mrs. Walter Fennell, Aislabie, Ripon.
- ROCHDALE, 1872, Mr. G. L. Collins, West Hill. Rochdale.
- ROSSENDALE, 1890, Mrs. G. Shepherd, Holmes Villa, Bacup.
- SALISBURY, 1913, Mr. W. T. Gardner, 3, Nelson Road.
- SCARBOROUGH, 1909, Mr. S. G. Foster, 13, Elders Street.
- SHEFFIELD, 1860, Mr. W. R. Carter, J.P., Rutland Park.
- SHROPSHIRE, 1907, Miss Edith Robinson, Lystonville, Shrewsbury.
- STOCKPORT, 1867, Mr. W. Humphreys, 15, Great Underbank.
- SURREY, 1904, Mr. Herbert Newman (Teacher), 2, King Charles Crescent, Surbiton.
- SWANSEA and SOUTH WALES, 1864, Mr. J. Hall, Grosvenor House, Swansea.
- TAUNTON, 1896, Miss M. G. Badcock, Broadlands.
- TORQUAY AND SOUTH DEVON, 1910, Mr. Arthur Inkersley, Hatley St. George, Torquay.
- WAKEFIELD AND DISTRICT, 1869, Miss E. E. Fennell, 33, Westgate, Wakefield.
- WALSALL, WEDNESBURY AND DISTRICT, 1907, Mrs. S. Nicklin, 67, Lichfield Street, Walsall, and Mrs. J. G. Thursfield, Hall Green, Wednesbury.

WINCHESTER, 1903, Miss Wilcox, Little Haven, St. James' Lane.

WOLVERHAMPTON, 1874, Miss L. M. Cresswell, 30, Tettenhall Road.

YARMOUTH, GREAT, 1876, Mrs. H. M. Fellows, 76, Southtown, Great Yarmouth.

YEOVIL, 1914, Mrs. Petter, 7, Prince's Street.

Libraries for the Blind.

Nearly all the Institutions and Societies for the Blind, and also many Public Libraries for the sighted, have books printed in types used by the Blind. The Public Library at Oxford has many volumes of classical and standard works for the use of University students. The following special circulating libraries may be mentioned separately.

1. HOME TEACHING SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND (formerly of 53 and 25, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W. Founded in 1855, affiliated in 1915 as a branch of The National Institute for the Blind). 224-228, Great Portland Street, London, W. The only Library supplying books and magazines in **Moon and Braille** types free of charge to the Blind in and around London, by delivering them at their homes and at the Workhouses and Infirmarys, and changing them, as a rule, once a fortnight.

The Central Library is at 224-228, Great Portland Street, London, W., the fifteen branches are:—

- 5, Platt Street, Camden Town, N.W.
- 4, Sewell Street, Balaam Street, Plaistow, E.
- 76, Roding Road, High Street, Clapton, N.E.
- 22, Arlington Square, New North Road, N.
- 38, Leeds Street, Upper Edmonton, N.
- 35, Ferntower Road, Petherton Road, Islington, N.
- 18, Wharncliffe Gardens, Grove Road, N.W.
- 22, Donaldson Road, Kilburn, N.W.
- 3, Harleyford Road, Vauxhall, S.W.
- 35 Kellett Road, Brixton, S.W.
- 66, Shakespeare Road, Herne Hill, S.E.

- 21, Denmark Mansions, Coldharbour Lane, S.E.
- 123, Abbott's Road, Poplar, E.
- 2, King Charles Crescent, Surbiton, Surrey.
- 72, Milton Road, St. James' Road, Croydon.

2. THE INCORPORATED NATIONAL LENDING LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND, 125, Queen's Road, Bayswater, W., Secretary, Miss E. W. Austin. Founded 1882, by Miss C. Howden and Miss M. Arnold. Incorporated 1898. This Library has upwards of 22,000 volumes in Braille and Moon types, and 4,000 pieces of music. The Library comprises also an Esperanto Section and a Section of Grade III books. Books are forwarded to all parts of the Kingdom, carriage being paid by the reader. Assistance is given from the "Arnold Carriage Fund," where the inability of the reader to meet this expense is proved. The annual subscription of members is £2 2s., for eight volumes, £1 1s. for four volumes, but special terms are made with Institutions when a large number of volumes is required. Lower rates are allowed on application, adapted to the means of the reader, the minimum being 5/-, on statement of circumstances, with letter of reference in confirmation. Free nominations are in the gift of Voluntary Annual Subscribers of £2 2s., or Donors of £10 10s. About 1,500 books are added to the Library in the course of the year by the kindness of nearly 500 voluntary writers and by the purchase of stereotyped books when suitable. In order to increase the supply of books for the Library, and to assist in providing work for the Blind, "The Dow Blind Writers' Fund" has been started for the employment of Blind Writers and Copyists, and 46 Blind Copyists are now employed by the Library. 57 Schools and Institutions for the Blind and 62 Public Libraries receive books regularly from this centre and distribute them among the local Blind.
3. THE INDIGENT BLIND VISITING SOCIETY established free libraries in 1884. There are now libraries at Lecture Hall, Harley Street, Bow, E.; Lecture Hall, Surrey Chapel, Blackfriars Road, S.E.; Mission Hall, Francis Street, Stratford, E.; and Lecture Hall, John Street, Theobald's Road, W.C.

4. LENDING LIBRARY, belonging to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. Books about missionary work of the Church, written almost entirely in Braille (interlined). There is no subscription, but borrowers have to pay the postage of the books to and from the Library. Address, The Librarian, S.P.G. House, 15, Tufton Street, Westminster, S.W.
5. MANCHESTER AND SALFORD BLIND AID SOCIETY, Artillery Street, Deansgate, Manchester, founded 1898. Secretary, Miss C. M. Bellhouse. Readers outside Manchester pay 5s. for four volumes a month. Libraries £3 3s. for twelve volumes a month. Arrangements can be made with Libraries and with Societies for the Blind. On December 31st, 1914, there were 4,061 volumes in the Library.
6. NORTHERN COUNTIES BLIND SOCIETY, 4, 5 and 6, Howard Street, North Shields, founded 1873. Superintendent, Mr. von Niederhausern. There is a library in connection with this Society and books are lent. Books and a magazine (*Dawn*) are printed in Moon type.
7. THE DEPÔT OF THE CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY, 69, Southwark Bridge Road, London, S.E. Books in Braille are supplied to blind Roman Catholics.
8. YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, Hon. Librarian, Mrs. von Braun, Boreham Holt, Boreham Wood, Herts. This library has been started to supply literature in Braille to the blind members of the Association. Subscription, 3s. 6d. a year.

Magazines for the Blind.

Several Magazines are now published in Braille type, and two in Moon. The particulars of those brought under notice are as follows:—

Progress, started January, 1881, in interpointed Braille type, is published on the 1st of each month as a means of information for the Blind on subjects in which they are specially interested. Subscription, 6s. a year, post free; foreign 8s., payable in advance. Published by The National Institute for the Blind, 224-228, Great Portland Street, London, W.

Dawn, started September, 1886. Moon type, with extra contractions, &c. Published quarterly by the Northern Counties Blind Society, at 4, 5 and 6, Howard Street, North Shields. Price (enlarged) 4s. 4d. a year, post free.

Santa Lucia, started March, 1889. Revised Braille type (interlined). Published on the 7th of each month by Mrs. Harison and Miss Hodgkin, Park House, Kew. Price 19s. a year, post free.

The Weekly Summary, started June, 1892. This is a newspaper in Revised Braille type, giving current news, with special regard to all matters concerning the Blind. Published every Wednesday by the Misses E. R. Scott & L. T. Bloxam, Eltham, S.E. Price 2d., or 8s. 8d. per annum, post free. Specimen copy free.

Hora Jucunda, started January, 1893. Revised Braille type (interpointed.) Published every month at the Royal Blind Asylum and School, West Craigmillar, Edinburgh. Price 12s. a year, post free. Literary supplement, post free to ordinary subscribers 3d. per month, to non-subscribers, 4d.

The Craigmillar Harp, started January, 1895. Braille type (interlined). Published quarterly at the Royal Blind Asylum and School, West Craigmillar, Edinburgh. Price 3s. a year, post free. A magazine specially for the musical Blind. A printed price list with details of all the pieces published up to date, is supplied free on application to the editor. Back numbers are sold at 6d. each.

Gospel Light in Heathen Darkness, started January, 1895. A magazine containing missionary information. Revised Braille type. Published quarterly by Mrs. C. E. Lamb, Vincent House, Kettering. Price 2s. a year, post free.

The Church Messenger, started February, 1896. Revised Braille type. Published monthly. Editors, Mrs. W. H. Langton, The Hall, Datchet, and Miss H. Jocelyn Ffoulkes, Kingsley Lodge, Chester. Hon. Sec., Miss M. C. Langton, 2, Percy Villas, Campden Hill, Kensington, W. Price 10s. per annum, post free. Embossed by The Royal Blind Asylum and School, West Craigmillar, Edinburgh.

Channels of Blessing, started January, 1898. Braille type (interpointed). Published bi-monthly. Sent free to all. Price to those who wish to pay, 9d. per copy. Managing Editor, Mr. Edwin Norris, 64, Birkbeck Road, Beckenham, Kent. Poetry Editor, Miss I. M. Brookfield, 10, Goldstone Road, Hove, Sussex.

Morning, started January, 1902. An Australian Braille Magazine of 60 pages. Published monthly at the Royal Institution for the Blind, Adelaide, South Australia. Price 12s. yearly, post free.

The Hampstead, started November, 1902. Revised Braille type. Published on the 15th of each month. Embossed and published by The London Society for Teaching the Blind, Swiss Cottage, Hampstead, London, N.W. Price 1s. each copy, by post, 1s. 1d.

Quarterly Intercession Paper, started October, 1903. This is a quarterly paper of information and intercession on behalf of the Church's missionary work. Revised Braille (interpointed). Price 3s. per annum, post free. Issued on 1st of January, April, July, and October, and supplied by Miss D. Blyth, 11, Dryburgh Road, Putney, S.W.

The Mission Field, started September, 1904. This is a magazine about Foreign Missions, published on the 1st of each month. Revised Braille (interpointed). Price 2d. per copy or 2s. per annum, post free. Published by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, 15, Tufton Street, Westminster, S.W.

The Braille Packet, started December, 1904. Stereotyped in Revised Braille type (interpointed). Published on the 20th of each month, sent free of charge to the poor. Annual subscription for a private copy 7s. 6d., or to join a circle, 4s. 6d. Foreign subscription, 11s. 6d. It contains articles on politics, literature, science, music, etc. Particulars can be obtained from Miss Z. Ethel Grimwood, 60, Wilbury Road, Hove, Sussex.

Excelsior, started March, 1905. A bi-monthly magazine, hand-written in Braille, for circulation amongst the readers in

Forfarshire and Kincardineshire. Published on the 1st of each month in connection with the Mission to the Blind, Forfar.

The "Moon" Monthly Magazine, started January, 1906. Printed at 104, Queen's Road, Brighton. Orders should be sent to 224-228, Great Portland Street, London, W. The Moon type. Price 19s. a year, post free.

The Daily Mail in Braille type was first published on Saturday, December 1st, 1906, and is issued weekly every Saturday, Price 1d. per copy, or 6s. 6d. per annum post free. Carmelite House, Carmelite Street, London, E.C.

Braille Musical Magazine, started 1910. Price 1s. post free, 6s. per annum; abroad, 8s. per annum, post free. Published bi-monthly, in interpointed Braille, on the 20th of the month, by The National Institute for the Blind, 224-228, Great Portland Street, London, W.

Comrades, started 1910, a Braille magazine in interlined Braille for Boys and Girls. Published on the 5th of the month. Annual Subscription, 4s.; foreign 7s., post free, payable in advance. Published by The National Institute for the Blind, 224-228, Great Portland Street, London, W.

Braille Literary Journal, started 1911. A monthly periodical in interpointed Braille, containing original contributions and articles selected from high-class magazines, newspapers, etc. Published on the 10th of the month. 1s. post free, 12s. per annum; abroad, 16s. per annum, post free. Published by The National Institute for the Blind, 224-228, Great Portland Street, London, W.

The School Magazine, started 1913. Published on the 15th of the month in interpointed Braille. Supplies schools with interesting matter for class use. 7d. per copy, post free; 6s. per annum, post free, if six or more copies are taken. Published by The National Institute for the Blind, 224-228, Great Portland Street, London, W.

The Blind, started January 1898. Ordinary type. Published by Mr. Henry J. Wilson, Secretary of Gardner's Trust for the Blind, 53, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W., on the 20th

January, April, July, and October of each year. Price 1s. 2d. per year, post free, for the four numbers. Special articles on questions concerning the Blind, and the latest information in regard to Institutions, Societies and current affairs.

The Braille Review, started January 1st, 1903. Ordinary type. The *Review* contains articles on the education and employment and well-being of the Blind and gives particulars of new works issued between the editions of the Institute's catalogue. Price 2s. a year, post free. Published on the 1st of each month by The National Institute for the Blind, 224-228, Great Portland Street, London, W.

The Teacher of the Blind, started January, 1913. Ordinary Type. Hon. Editor, Mr. J. M. Ritchie, M.A., 79, Humphrey Street, Old Trafford, Manchester. This magazine is the organ of the Association of Teachers of the Blind, and is published every second month. Price 2s. post free, per annum. It contains articles on educational subjects, discussion of topics affecting the education of the Blind, notes on current events, and communications from members.

The Blind Record, started December, 1914. Ordinary type. Edited by the Rev. H. G. Rosedale, D.D., 178, Charing Cross Road, London, W.C., and published in March, June, September and December of each year, in the general interests of the Blind and especially of the London Association for the Blind. Price 6d. per year, post free, for the four numbers.

Union of Institutions. Societies and Agencies for the Blind.

These Unions, which cover the whole of England and Wales, have been formed to promote the general welfare of the Blind, to enlist fresh sympathy and interest on their behalf, and to befriend them in every possible way, so that no blind person shall be left uncared for.

The following are the chief objects of the Unions:—

- (a) To compile a Register of the Blind.

- (b) To promote such intercourse amongst existing Agencies and Individuals interested in the welfare of the Blind as may lead to the organisation, co-ordination and extension of work on their behalf.
- (c) To stimulate the prevention of blindness by free distribution of leaflets, etc.
- (d) To form Societies in districts where none exist,
- (e) To encourage the after-care of pupils leaving Institutions.
- (f) To promote employment.
- (g) To visit and care for the sick, aged and helpless, at their homes or elsewhere.

THE NORTH OF ENGLAND UNION, founded in 1906, was the first to be formed, and consists of the following counties :—Cumberland, Durham, Lancashire, Northumberland, Westmoreland and Yorkshire. Hon. Secretary, Miss I. M. Heywood, Claremont, Manchester. Organising Secretary, Miss Sadgrove, St John's House, Beverley.

The other Unions, formed in 1908, with the respective counties over which they work, are :—

THE METROPOLITAN AND ADJACENT COUNTIES UNION. Berks, Essex, Hants, Hertford, Kent, London, Middlesex, Surrey and Sussex. Hon. Organising Secretary, Mrs. Goodhart, 118, Queen's Gate, S.W. Hon. Secretary, Mr. Guy M. Campbell, Royal Normal College, Upper Norwood, London, S.E. Secretary, Miss Bennett, Denison House, Rooms 63-64, 296, Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, S.W.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES UNION, Buckingham, Derby, Leicester, Northampton, Nottingham, Oxford, Rutland, Stafford, Warwick and Worcester. Central Secretary, Miss J. Merivale, 4, Park Town, Oxford.

THE NORTH WEST UNION, North Wales, Cheshire and Shropshire. Hon. Secretary, Miss Margaret Comber, Woodville, Liverpool Road, Chester.

THE SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE UNION, South Wales, Hereford and Monmouth. Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Hall, Grosvenor House, Swansea.

THE WESTERN COUNTIES UNION, Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Gloucester, Somerset and Wilts. Hon. Secretary, Rev. S. F. Harris, Cotleigh Rectory, near Honiton, Devon. Organising Secretary, Mrs. Vere Stead, 42, Torquay Road, Newton Abbot.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES UNION:— Bedford, Cambridge, Huntingdon, Lincoln, Norfolk, Rutland and Suffolk. Hon. Organising Secretary, Miss Emery, Maryland, Ely.

There is a UNION OF UNIONS, consisting of elected representatives from each Union, which meets annually in order to promote unity of action and to discuss difficulties.

Sundry Societies for the Blind.

The following Societies, arranged alphabetically, can hardly be classified under any of the preceding headings, although much of the work is of a similar kind:—

AFTER-CARE OF PHYSICALLY DEFECTIVE CHILDREN (crippled, blind, and deaf), 91, Parliament Chambers, Great Smith Street, S.W., *Sec.*, Miss M. I. Ingram. The object of this Association is to provide suitable wage-earning employment for blind, deaf, and physically defective children within the County of London in order that as large a proportion as possible may ultimately become self-supporting and be prevented from becoming paupers. A blind knitter's industry has been organised for girls, who call weekly and take the work home.

ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF THE BLIND was founded towards the end of 1912, and has for its aims (a) to quicken interest, stimulate thought, and encourage research in education, and so benefit the education of the Blind; (b) to foster a feeling of comradeship among Teachers of the Blind; (c) to afford facilities for the interchange of opinion; and (d) to promote united action among Teachers of the Blind in matters affecting their professional welfare. The *Hon. Sec.* is Mr. J. M. Ritchie, M.A., 79, Humphrey Street, Old Trafford, Manchester, to whom all communications should be addressed. The

annual subscription, including a copy of the Association bi-monthly Magazine, is 4s. 6d.

BERKS COUNTY BLIND SOCIETY, founded 1910. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. Le Mesurier, Milton Lodge, Kintbury, Berks. This Society was started by and is affiliated to the Union of Societies for the Blind in the Metropolitan and Adjacent Counties (*vide* page 71), and befriends the Blind in various ways in the county of Berks except Reading, which has a separate organisation (*vide* page 80). There are 160 blind persons on the register, many of whom are employed in knitting, &c., which work the Society buys and disposes of at an annual Sale.

BLIND SOCIAL AID SOCIETY AND LITERARY UNION, founded 1909. *Hon. Sec.*, Mr. Alfred Carr, 5, Minories. London, E.C. Has for its objects:—The promotion of the employment and the social welfare of the blind and partially-blind, (a) By making public their capabilities and needs; (b) By encouraging their social intercourse. The members, who pay 4s. a year, are self-supporting blind and partially-blind men, numbering over 30. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday and third Monday in each month, August excepted, at 12, Buckingham Street, Strand (Ground Floor). General Business at 7.30. Lectures, Debates, etc., at 8.15 p.m.

BLIND STOCKING GUILD, founded 1905. This Guild was started by Miss A. Varty Smith, Nandana, Penrith, Cumberland. Each sighted member subscribes at least 1s. a year to buy wool to enable the Blind to knit at their own homes, stockings, for which they are paid. The Guild is worked in connection with the Orphanage, Aberlour, Strathspey, N.B., and provides stockings for the children.

BLIND TEA AGENCY, Ltd. Established 1891. 5, Fen Court, Fenchurch Avenue, London, E.C. The Agency is open to appoint suitable blind or partially-blind persons of either sex as agents for the sale of "Braille" tea, coffee, cocoa, and chocolates. Appointed agents need neither capital nor license. Samples, price lists, showcards,

business-getting letters, and other advertising matter provided free. Applications should be addressed to the Manager at the above address.

BOURNEMOUTH AND DISTRICT BLIND AID SOCIETY, founded 1911. *Hon. Sec.*, Mr. Frank Lattey, Alyngby, Stourcliffe Avenue, West Southbourne, Bournemouth. The objects of the Society are to visit the sick, aged, and infirm blind in the district, and generally to improve the conditions of their lives, to distribute books in the raised type, to give instruction in reading and writing, to arrange for the education and training, to find employment for those capable of work, and to adopt all means for preventing blindness. This Society is affiliated to the Union of Societies for the Blind in the Metropolitan and Adjacent Counties. The number of names on the register is 120.

BRAILLE CORRESPONDENCE CLUB, Started 1899. *President*, Mrs. Phelps, Braillecot, Broadstairs, Kent. The objects of the Club are to brighten the lives of the Blind by friendly intercourse, to help them by timely advice, and to give information when needed. There are 500 members in the British Islands. Branches have been established on the Continent, in Canada, New Zealand, and Africa. An Esperanto branch has also been formed. There is no subscription, and both sighted and blind persons can become members.

BRIGHTON, HOVE AND DISTRICT BLIND RELIEF AND VISITING SOCIETY, founded by the late Dr. Moon 1862. *Secretary*, Miss Munro Ritchie, 69, Dyke Road, Brighton. A missionary visits the homes of the Blind in Brighton and neighbourhood fortnightly, reading to them and teaching them to read. Two blind messengers are also employed to deliver the books.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY, 146, Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C., provides Scriptures for the Blind in both Braille and Moon type—the latter being prepared by the Moon Society, and the former directly by the Society. In addition to the Scriptures in English,

the Society has issued portions of the Scriptures for the Blind in thirty-five Foreign languages, The whole Bible is available in English in thirty-nine volumes, and each volume is sold at the nominal price of 1s. The Bible in Welsh is in preparation on the same lines. In both cases the Society is prepared to supply one volume a year freely to any blind person who is too poor to purchase one, and who is recommended by some Minister of Religion. The Bibles in Foreign languages are mostly granted freely to the Schools and Institutes for the Blind promoted by various Missionary Societies. Last year the Society issued 3,719 bound volumes in either Braille or Moon type.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND, founded 1911. Central *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. Knapp, Linford Hall, Wolverton. This Society is in connection with the Midland Union of Societies for the Blind, and promotes the welfare of the Blind in Buckinghamshire. There is a Library consisting of books in Braille and Moon types for the use of those residing in the county.

CAMBRIDGE SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND, founded 1911. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. Stace, Heathfield, Cambridge. This Society promotes the welfare of the Blind in the Borough of Cambridge. Social meetings for the Blind are held weekly. Books and magazines are circulated, orders for home work obtained, and the work supervised. A Sale of Work is held in the summer.

CARDIFF GUILD OF SOCIAL WORKERS AMONGST THE BLIND, founded 1898. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. Percy Watkins, 69, Penylan Road. The meetings are held at 1A, City Road. The chief work of the Guild consists in making and supplying clothing for the needy Blind and in visiting them in their homes. There is a Blanket Loan Society in connection with the Guild.

CRANBORNE MEMORIAL FUND, 4, Eaton Place, London, S.W., founded 1906, by a gift of £500 from Lord Eustace Cecil. The interest on the £500 is expended in assisting cases on the waiting list of the Society for Granting

Annuities to the Poor Adult Blind (*vide* page 48). The selection of cases is made by the Trustees of the Fund.

DEPTFORD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY FOR THE WELFARE OF THE BLIND, founded 1891. *Sec.*, Miss M. Martin, 2, Tressillian Road, Brockley, S.E. This Society, which is affiliated to the Indigent Blind Visiting Society, aims at improving the spiritual, social, and intellectual condition of the Blind in Deptford and District. The classes are attended by about 70 blind persons, and are held in Creek Street Mission Hall, on Fridays, for men, at 7 p.m., and for women, at 3 p.m., at Napier Street Mission Hall.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND, founded 1914, *Hon. Sec.*, Miss Cherry, The Lodge, Darley Dale, Matlock. This Society is in connection with the Midland Union of Societies for the Blind.

DICKENS BIRTHPLACE FELLOWSHIP, founded 1903. *Hon. Sec.*, Mr. W. C. Harvey, 31, High Street, Gosport. This Fellowship has for its objects: (1) To knit together in a common bond of friendship and sympathy all lovers of that great master of humour and pathos, Charles Dickens. (2). To assist in every possible way the cause of the afflicted children, "Tiny Tims" and the necessitous blind "Berthas." An outing with entertainment is given to all the blind Poor (about 150) in Portsmouth, and a tea with entertainment is given them indoors. A library for the Blind was founded by the Fellowship and is housed in the Dickens Museum.

EASTBOURNE SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND, founded 1910. *Hon. Sec.*, Miss P. Wheeler, Hartfield Rise, 19, Hartfield Road, Eastbourne. This Society was started by and is affiliated to the Union of Societies for the Blind in the Metropolitan and Adjacent Counties (*vide* page 71), and befriends the Blind of Eastbourne in various ways. Work is found for those who can knit, cane chairs, &c.

EAST SUFFOLK BLIND AID ASSOCIATION, founded 1914. *Hon. Sec.*, Miss Whitbread, The Orchard, Ufford, Suffolk. This Society is in connection with the Eastern Counties Union

of Societies for the Blind, and promotes the welfare of the Blind in the administrative County of East Suffolk.

EMBOSSSED SCIENTIFIC BOOKS FUND. *Hon. Sec.*, Mr. H. M. Taylor, F.R.S., Trinity College, Cambridge. This fund was founded in 1907 with the object of assisting in the publication in embossed type for the use of the Blind, of works of a scientific nature which were not obtainable, and of reducing the price at which the books were sold where such reduction seemed advisable. The fund is now established on a permanent basis, and its capital is invested in the name of the Royal Society, the Council of the Society having accepted the position of trustees of the fund. The fund is under the control of a board of five Managers; one being the Treasurer of the Royal Society, the remaining four being nominated by the Council of the Society. The first three books published were "Sound and Music," by Mr. Sedley Taylor; "A Primer of Astronomy," by Sir Robert Ball; and "An Introduction to Geology," by Dr. Marr. Some twenty scientific works have been published, and several others are in course of publication.

EMPLOYMENT ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEFECTIVE, West London. There is a House of Help, 39, Lillie Road, West Brompton, London, S.W., founded 1908. *Hon. Sec.*, Miss Arnould, 9, Nevern Square, Earl's Court, S.W. This House is a depôt for work done at home by the blind, deaf, lame, etc., of the districts of Fulham, Kensington, Chelsea and Hammersmith. Lessons are given in handicrafts to blind persons who are ineligible for Workshops for the Blind. The aim of the Association is to help and protect those who, being cripples or feeble-minded, need supervision or occupation.

ENGLISH AND FOREIGN BRAILLE LITERATURE SOCIETY (formerly known as the LONDON BRAILLE MISSION PRESS), 53, Shrewsbury Road, Forest Gate, London, E., founded 1905. *Hon. Sec.*, Mr. F. A. J. Burns, publishes in Braille, Christian Literature for the Blind in the principal European and Oriental languages. A catalogue

of the books, tracts, etc., can be obtained on application to the Hon. Secretary.

FELLOWSHIP. This Society was founded in 1898 for the purpose of promoting social intercourse among the Blind. It has now become a means of circulating Braille Literature among them, chiefly in the form of magazines. Each member, on payment of 5s. a year, can read seven or eight magazines every month. The magazines are then passed on, by means of the post, to the next number on the list. For rules and all particulars apply to *Hon. Sec.*, Miss Serocold Skeels, Bowden Lodge, Leamington.

GYDE CHARITY FOR BLIND AND DEAF AND DUMB CHILDREN, founded 1894, to assist in the payment of school fees of children who must be Protestant and children of Protestant parents, and under the age of 18—the age in exceptional cases is extended to 21. Preference given to children connected with the Parish of Painswick, the Borough of Stroud, or the County of Gloucester. Forms of application may be obtained from Mr. J. R. Morton Ball, Clerk to the Trustees, George Street, Stroud, Gloucestershire. In March, 1915, seven blind children were being assisted with grants, amounting to £236 in the aggregate.

ISLE OF WIGHT SOCIETY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INDIGENT BLIND, founded 1893. *Hon. Sec.*, Mr. T. W. Morphey, Hazelwood, Ryde. This Society provides a Home Teacher, instructs the Blind in basket and cane work, provides tools and materials, and affords medical advice for those suffering from defective sight. A register is kept of all the Blind in the Island. There is a circulating library of books in Braille and Moon types.

LEICESTER. **THE WYCLIFFE SOCIETY FOR HELPING THE BLIND**, founded 1893. *President and Hon. Organiser*, Mr. Edwin Crew, 44, Tennyson Street, Leicester. The Society seeks to benefit about 210 of the Blind in Leicester, and others in the County, in sickness, distress, training for employment, housing, and other practical ways. There are Cottage Homes (*vide* page 34) in connection with

this Society. Central address: Victoria Hall, Mill Hill Lane.

LINCOLNSHIRE BLIND ASSOCIATION, founded 1914. *Hon. Organising Sec.*, Rev. C. E. Bolam, St. Mary Magdalene's Rectory, Lincoln. This Society is in connection with the Eastern Counties Union of Societies for the Blind, and promotes the welfare of the Blind in the County of Lincoln. Organisation will, as far as possible, follow the lines of the administrative divisions of the County. The work in the City of Lincoln is already organised with weekly meetings and a Home Teacher. The *Hon. Secretaries* for the Kesteven Division are Miss V. Wood, Great Ponton Rectory, Grantham; and Rev. S. C. Wood, Stroxtan Rectory, Grantham; and for Holland, Rev. C. J. W. Old, Whaplode Drove, Wisbech.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL TEA COMPANY, LTD, established 1907, for the Employment of the Blind, 5, Minories, London. E.C. *Manager*, Mr. Alfred Carr, who is himself blind. This firm appoints blind or partially-blind men and women as agents throughout the United Kingdom, for the sale of tea, coffee and cocoa. Applications should be accompanied by two names of responsible persons to whom the applicant is well known. Appointed agents can have 20-lbs. and upwards, of goods delivered, carriage paid, on credit. If payment is made within a week of delivery, special discount is allowed. Goods are packed by electric machinery in packets easily distinguishable by the Blind. Show cards and leaflets for advertising are supplied free. All information and particulars can be obtained from the Manager, as above. Correspondence can be in Braille or writing.

MANCHESTER AND SALFORD BLIND AID SOCIETY, founded 1900. *Hon. Sec.*, Miss Isabel M. Heywood, Claremont, Pendleton, Manchester. The central rooms of the Society are in Artillery Street, Deansgate, Manchester, where there is a free library with 4,061 volumes, primarily for the Blind of Manchester and Salford, but twenty other towns also make use of the library. The Society employs

blind persons in book-binding, Braille copying, and woolwork, has a brush workshop (*vide* page 30, No. 32), and two Homes (*vide* page 34 and 36, Nos. 13 and 21). There are also a Sick and Benefit Club, with 249 members, a Blind Glee Party, and District Visiting. Temporary relief is given.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR MASSAGE BY THE BLIND, founded 1900. c/o The National Institute for the Blind, 224-228, Great Portland Street, London, W. About 100 blind persons have been trained, many of whom are entirely self-supporting. Some are employed in hospitals, hydro-pathic establishments infirmaries, &c. The blind operators are carefully selected as to health and general fitness.

OXFORD HANDLOOM WEAVING INDUSTRY, founded 1913. Broadgates Hall, Pembroke Street. Blind and crippled persons are instructed and employed in spinning and weaving tweeds, dress linens, towellings, &c., &c. *Hon. Sec.*, Miss J. Merivale.

OXFORD BLIND SOCIETY'S DEPÔT, founded 1913. 4, Little Clarendon Street. This depôt is opened for the sale of goods made by the Blind in Oxford, and in the County of Oxfordshire, including baskets, brooms, brushes, cloths and towels. *Hon. Sec.*, Miss Bullock.

PETERBOROUGH SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND, founded 1912. *Hon. Secs.*, Mrs. Dennett, Precincts, and Miss Ball, Madeley House. This Society is in connection with the Midland Union of Societies for the Blind.

READING BLIND AID SOCIETY, founded 1893. *Hon. Sec.*, Mr. Hugh E. Walford, Pattingham, London Road, Reading. This Society endeavours to improve the condition of the indigent Blind residing within the area of the Borough of Reading, and keeps a register of the names, addresses, and the particulars of the circumstances of all the blind in that district. Relief is given by way of pensions (*vide* page 48), by regular monthly grants in cash, and by gifts of clothing, coals, &c.

"SANTA LUCIA" BLIND RELIEF FUND. *Hon. Sec.*, Mr. Lancelot Harison, Park House, Kew. This Fund,

founded by the editors and proprietors of the Magazine, *Santa Lucia*, grants a limited number of monthly pensions, provides small sums of money, clothing, coals, etc., when urgently needed, and also magazines, books, and newspapers in Braille type. The Fund also assists in paying for a short summer holiday for those who are earning their living in any form of employment, and to whom a short change and rest are essential. At Christmas, all persons on the books of the Fund receive a present of money amounting to about 10s. each, and constant communication is kept up with nearly all of them by letters in Braille type.

SOCIAL WELFARE ASSOCIATION FOR LONDON, 845-850, Salisbury House, Finsbury Circus, London, E.C., was started in March, 1910, to strengthen and secure co-operation on systematic lines between official departments of the State, Municipal Authorities, and Voluntary Agencies and Charitable Societies of London. The Association appointed a "Blind Charities Committee" to work on the above lines.

SOUTHAMPTON ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND, founded 1889. *Hon. Sec.*, Mr. E. C. Redman, 12, High Street, Southampton. Social meetings are held every Friday throughout the year at the Kell Memorial Hall, Bellevue Road, from 7 to 9 p.m. Most of the members have lost their sight in middle or later life.

SOUTH LONDON INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND, SOUTHWARK, founded 1870. *Hon. Sec.*, the Rev. St. Clare Hill, M.A. This is an Institute and relief society for the blind poor of both sexes in South London, and provides dormitory accommodation for young unmarried blind girls working at factories and workshops. The Institute with office was opened November 6th, 1907, at 82, Borough Road, S.E.

SUNBEAM MISSION. There is a special branch of this mission for the benefit of the blind children of the poorer classes. Its object is to find friends who will write to them in Braille, and take a little interest in their lives. All who join, merely undertake to pay an entrance fee of one

shilling, and to send by post a letter or a few sheets of Braille-writing each month. Those who are unable to befriend any special child, can also join this branch as unattached associates, (entrance fee 1/-) and can help forward the work by writing Braille story books to lend to the children to read at home, or by sending any suitable gifts for the children, to the *Hon. Sec.*, Miss Beatrice Taylor, 39, Sylvan Road, Upper Norwood, S.E., who will gladly give further information.

TICKET BUREAU FOR THE BLIND, Rooms 63 and 64, Denison House, 296, Vauxhall Bridge Road, S.W. The object of this Bureau, which is worked under the direction of the Executive Council of the Metropolitan and Adjacent Counties Union of Societies for the Blind, is to obtain tickets for concerts, lectures, recitations and theatres, for distribution among blind people who are not able to afford to spend money on recreation. Tickets which are unsold, or for which the purchasers have no need, are solicited for distribution amongst blind persons, whose qualifications have been registered in a list. Tickets should be sent as many days in advance as possible to the Secretary at the office.

WARWICKSHIRE ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND, founded 1911. *Hon. Secs.*, Rev. F. H. Hodgson, Clopten, Stratford-on-Avon, and Miss Bigg, Oak House, Leamington. This Society is in connection with the Midland Union of Societies for the Blind.

WEST SUFFOLK BLIND AID ASSOCIATION, founded in 1914. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. Bygott, 76, Risbygate, Bury St. Edmund's. This Society is in connection with the Eastern Counties Union of Societies for the Blind, and promotes the welfare of the Blind in the administrative County of West Suffolk. Knitting and basket work are carried on.

WIMBLEDON DEPÔT, founded October, 1911. *Hon. Sec.*, Miss J. Hastings, Parham, The Grange, Wimbledon. The Depôt which is at 53, Church Road, Wimbledon, is for the sale of goods made by the Blind.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION FOR THE CARE OF THE BLIND, founded 1913. *Hon. Sec.*, Mr. G. C. Brown, College for the Blind, Worcester. This Association is in connection with the Midland Union of Societies for the Blind.

WORTHING SOCIETY FOR BEFRIENDING THE BLIND, founded 1910. *Hon. Sec.*, Miss E. Moore, Maltby, Cowper Road, Worthing. This Society is affiliated to the Union of Societies for the Blind in the Metropolitan and Adjacent Counties (*vide* page 71), and assists the Blind in the town in various ways.

Appendix.

The following is a List of Institutions and Societies for the Blind in Scotland and Ireland, with the number of pupils, workmen, etc., in March, 1915. The figures in brackets give the years in which the Societies were respectively founded:—

Scotland.

(A).—Schools and Workshops.

ABERDEEN. Asylum for the Blind (1818), 50, Huntly Street.

Workshops only. 63 employed (14 women and 49 men, of whom 10 are learners). There is a public school at Ruthrieston (1910), 15 blind children. Open to the Blind of the Counties of Aberdeen, Banff and Kincardine only. No fee payable. The trades are basket-making, twine-spinning, mattress-making, mats and matting, weaving.

DUNDEE. Institution for the Blind (1869), Magdalen Green.

(a) School and (b) Workshops. (a) 13 resident pupils, fee £20 a year; (b) 78 employed, viz., 19 women, 51 men, and 8 learners.

EDINBURGH. Royal Blind Asylum and School (1793). (a) A School and Home for children and women at West Craigmillar; and (b) Workshops at 58, Nicolson Street. (a) 50 resident pupils, fee £20 a year, clothing provided; 10 music students, who live in special Hostel; 50 women,

who live and work in Institution ; (b) 146 employed, viz., 9 women, 127 men, 10 learners.

GLASGOW. Royal Glasgow Asylum for the Blind (1804), 100. Castle Street. (a) School and (b) Workshops. (a) 81 resident pupils, fee £20 a year, and 30 free non-resident pupils ; (b) 212 employed.

INVERNESS. Northern Counties Institute (1867). (a) School, Hill Terrace ; and (b) Workshops, 81, Castle Street. (a) 9 resident pupils ; and (b) 14 employed.

NORTHERN COUNTIES INSTITUTE (1867). (a) School, Hill Terrace, Inverness ; and (b) Workshops, 81, Castle Street, Inverness. (a) 9 resident pupils ; (b) 16 employed. £20 per annum is charged for pupils, which includes board maintenance and education.

PAISLEY and District Workshop (1904), 111, Causeyside Street, Workshops only. 13 employed, viz., 11 men and 2 women in basket-making, bed-making and mat-making. Pupils are received for instruction.

(B).—Missions and Home Teaching Societies.

ABERDEEN TOWN AND COUNTY ASSOCIATION for teaching the Blind at their homes (1879). 229, Union Street. About 365 blind persons benefited.

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY MISSION TO THE OUTDOOR BLIND (1882), 123, Irish Street, Dumfries.

DUNDEE AND LOCHEE MISSION TO THE OUTDOOR BLIND (1879). 23, Castle Street.

EDINBURGH AND SOUTH-EAST OF SCOTLAND SOCIETY, for promoting Reading among the Adult Blind at their own homes and for otherwise ameliorating their condition, (1857), 38, Howe Street, Edinburgh. There are 486 on the roll. The Jameson Pension Fund is part of this Society and administered by the same directors.

FIFE AND KINROSS SOCIETY for teaching the Blind at their own homes, (1865), 27, Kirk Wynd, Kirkcaldy. There are 150 on the roll.

FORFARSHIRE AND THE SOUTH HALF OF KINCARDINESHIRE
MISSION (1869), Forfar.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND MISSION TO THE OUTDOOR
BLIND (1859), 201, Buchanan Street, Glasgow. There is
a Superintendent and six missionary teachers. There are
1567 on the roll. Home visitation and home teaching are
carried on in seven counties. Free Lending Library of
6,000 volumes. Grants of money are given to suitable
applicants to begin trading, and Pensions given to aged and
infirm blind persons. THE LADIES AUXILIARY has a shop
and classroom at 197, Buchanan Street. 124 women are
supplied with knitting and paid for their work, and 107
receive small monthly allowances. The home for women
is at 348, St. George's Road, and Cottage Holiday Homes
at Cardonald and Biggar.

NORTHERN COUNTIES INSTITUTE (1867). Outdoor Mission
to the Blind in the six Northern Counties. 81, Castle
Street, Inverness. There are 300 on the roll.

PERTH (CITY AND COUNTY) HOME TEACHING SOCIETY (1866).
Wells Hill Terrace, Perth. There are 100 on the roll.

STIRLING, CLACKMANNAN AND LINLITHGOW SOCIETY for
Teaching the Blind at their Homes (1866), 11, Fenton
Street, Alloa. There are 105 on the roll.

(C).—Pension Societies.

DUNDEE. Webster and Davidson Mortification, Messrs. Robert
C. Walker & Son, Solicitors, Dundee, Factors. There are
two Branches of this Mortification, one for Annuitants and
the other for Bursars. There are at present 43 Annuitants
of whom 30 receive £5 per annum and 13 £10 per annum.
Annuitants must reside in Dundee or within six miles from
the Town House. They must be 21 years of age, not have
more than £20 of independent income and must not be in
receipt of Parochial aid or Old Age Pensions. There are
10 Bursars, for each of whom £20 per annum is payable to
the Dundee Institution for the Blind.

EDINBURGH. Mrs. Jane Stobie Clark Fund (1885)—Messrs. Fyfe, Ireland & Co., W.S., 71, Hanover Street, Edinburgh—grants pensions of £5 a year to about 30 blind females requiring help. Elections take place in November each year.

EDINBURGH AND SOUTH-EAST OF SCOTLAND SOCIETY.—The Jameson Fund (1905). Secretaries, 14, Rutland Square, Edinburgh—grants annuities of £10 and £8 to 66 blind persons, besides helping in other ways. Applicants must be resident in Edinburgh or South-East Scotland.

EDINBURGH. Royal Blind Asylum (1793), 58, Nicolson Street, grants allowances of various amounts to 146 blind persons, who must reside in Scotland and receive no assistance from other Institutions for the Blind.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND MISSION TO THE OUTDOOR BLIND (1859), 201, Buchanan Street, Glasgow, grants pensions to aged and infirm blind persons within the area of the Mission's operations.

Ireland.

ARMAGH. Macan Asylum for the Blind (1854). Nine inmates.

BELFAST. The Association for the Employment of the Industrious Blind (1871), 28, Royal Avenue. Workshops, 126 employed. The trades practised are baskets, brushes, mattresses, firewood bundling, chair-caning, and willow-peeling. No fees charged but no wages paid the first year.

BELFAST. Home Mission Work among the Blind. Home at Cliftonville (1886), with an average of 30 women and 17 men inmates. About 160 are assisted by allowances, spectacles, etc.

BELFAST. The Ulster Society for Promoting the Education of the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind (1831), Lisburn Road. Supported by voluntary contributions. The Institution has about 120 inmates (93 deaf and 27 blind).

BELFAST. Home Teaching Society for the Blind, 28, Royal Avenue. This is a branch of the Belfast Association.

CORK. County and City of Cork Hospital and Asylum for the Industrious Blind (1840), Infirmary Road. 56 inmates (32 men, 24 women).

CORK. St. Raphael's Home for the Industrious Female Blind (1887). 56 inmates. This is a Home for destitute Blind girls of good character. The Poor Law Unions pay £13 a year for each inmate.

DUBLIN. National Institution and Molyneux Asylum for the Females of Ireland (1815), Leeson Park. This is a School for the young and a Home for the aged, 34 inmates. The trades taught are basket-making, weaving, chair-caning, typewriting, knitting. A resident Institution where blind women are maintained entirely free and in which they usually remain for the rest of their lives.

DUBLIN. Richmond National Institution for the Instruction of the Industrious Blind (1810), 41, Upper Sackville Street. There are 62 employed, viz., 19 men and 2 women inmates, and 41 men outdoor workers.

DUBLIN. St. Mary's Catholic Asylum for Female Blind (1858), Merrion. In March, 1915, there were 170 inmates. The trades practised are knitting, crochet, etc., mattress-making and chair-caning. Pensions for inmates of £13 a year.

DUBLIN. St. Joseph's Asylum and School for the Blind (1859), Drumcondra. There are 10 resident pupils, 8 out-workers, and 79 inmates.

DUBLIN. Association for Relief of Indigent Blind, and Lending Library (1857), 50, Lower Sackville Street. About 22 persons benefited by weekly allowances.

LIMERICK. Asylum for Blind Females (1834), 31, Catherine Street. Five inmates.



